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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of theses categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

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Canada/Provinces

Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,108.2	25,403.9	25,436.0	327.8	25,108.2	25,403.9	25,436.0	327.8
Labour Force ('000)	16,611.3	17,021.5	16,909.0	297.7	16,900.3	17,187.4	17,202.4	302.1
Employment ('000)	15,266.3	15,834.0	15,564.8	298.5	15,637.1	15,920.7	15,935.6	298.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,345.0	1,187.5	1,344.2	(0.8)	1,263.2	1,266.8	1,266.9	3.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.0	7.9	(0.2)	7.5	7.4	7.4	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	67.0	66.5	0.3	67.3	67.7	67.6	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	60.8	62.3	61.2	0.4	62.3	62.7	62.6	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.9	762.0	762.6	4.7	757.9	762.0	762.6	4.7
Labour Force ('000)	465.7	477.9	472.2	6.5	478.4	482.5	485.0	6.6
Employment ('000)	417.7	438.6	421.6	3.9	433.7	439.2	438.1	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	48.0	39.3	50.6	2.6	44.7	43.3	46.9	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	8.2	10.7	0.4	9.3	9.0	9.7	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	61.4	62.7	61.9	0.5	63.1	63.3	63.6	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.1	57.6	55.3	0.2	57.2	57.6	57.4	0.2

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.1	439.4	439.6	0.5	439.1	439.4	439.6	0.5
Labour Force ('000)	250.2	254.4	250.3	0.1	264.3	262.8	263.6	(0.7)
Employment ('000)	199.6	208.9	203.3	3.7	217.6	215.6	220.1	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	50.6	45.4	47.0	(3.6)	46.8	47.2	43.6	(3.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.2	17.8	18.8	(1.4)	17.7	18.0	16.5	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	57.0	57.9	56.9	(0.1)	60.2	59.8	60.0	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	45.5	47.5	46.2	0.7	49.6	49.1	50.1	0.5

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.7	113.7	113.8	1.1	112.7	113.7	113.8	1.1
Labour Force ('000)	72.6	75.5	73.9	1.3	76.2	78.1	77.7	1.5
Employment ('000)	61.4	66.4	62.9	1.5	67.6	70.2	69.3	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	11.2	9.0	10.9	(0.3)	8.6	7.9	8.4	(0.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.4	11.9	14.7	(0.7)	11.3	10.1	10.8	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	66.4	64.9	0.5	67.6	68.7	68.3	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	54.5	58.4	55.3	0.8	60.0	61.7	60.9	0.9

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.5	610.6	610.8	2.3	608.5	610.6	610.8	2.3
Labour Force ('000)	372.6	374.8	375.3	2.7	388.6	384.2	390.4	1.8
Employment ('000)	329.7	338.7	331.2	1.5	348.6	346.1	349.7	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	42.9	36.1	44.1	1.2	40.1	38.1	40.7	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.5	9.6	11.8	0.3	10.3	9.9	10.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	61.2	61.4	61.4	0.2	63.9	62.9	63.9	-
Employment Rate (%)	54.2	55.5	54.2	-	57.3	56.7	57.3	-

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,059.5	6,112.1	6,118.3	58.8	6,059.5	6,112.1	6,118.3	58.8
Labour Force ('000)	3,903.0	4,011.8	3,967.5	64.5	3,979.9	4,061.8	4,047.1	67.2
Employment ('000)	3,534.3	3,642.4	3,570.4	36.1	3,642.8	3,681.9	3,680.4	37.6
Unemployed ('000)	368.7	369.4	397.1	28.4	337.1	379.9	366.7	29.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	9.2	10.0	0.6	8.5	9.4	9.1	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	65.6	64.8	0.4	65.7	66.5	66.1	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	58.3	59.6	58.4	0.1	60.1	60.2	60.2	0.1

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,713.0	9,857.3	9,872.4	159.4	9,713.0	9,857.3	9,872.4	159.4
Labour Force ('000)	6,542.9	6,683.9	6,655.3	112.4	6,637.0	6,736.2	6,749.9	112.9
Employment ('000)	6,080.7	6,278.2	6,201.0	120.3	6,186.7	6,285.8	6,303.8	117.1
Unemployed ('000)	462.2	405.7	454.3	(7.9)	450.2	450.4	446.2	(4.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.1	6.8	(0.3)	6.8	6.7	6.6	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	67.8	67.4	-	68.3	68.3	68.4	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	62.6	63.7	62.8	0.2	63.7	63.8	63.9	0.2

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	864.9	871.9	872.7	7.8	864.9	871.9	872.7	7.8
Labour Force ('000)	586.9	597.5	594.1	7.2	595.4	600.8	602.6	7.2
Employment ('000)	555.4	568.6	560.2	4.8	566.5	570.6	571.1	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	31.5	28.9	33.9	2.4	28.9	30.3	31.4	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.8	5.7	0.3	4.9	5.0	5.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.5	68.1	0.2	68.8	68.9	69.1	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	64.2	65.2	64.2	-	65.5	65.4	65.4	(0.1)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.4	756.2	756.5	(0.9)	757.4	756.2	756.5	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	508.4	509.5	506.6	(1.8)	517.3	517.8	516.4	(0.9)
Employment ('000)	475.5	482.5	474.9	(0.6)	487.7	488.4	487.4	(0.3)
Unemployed ('000)	32.9	27.0	31.7	(1.2)	29.6	29.3	29.0	(0.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	5.3	6.3	(0.2)	5.7	5.7	5.6	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	67.4	67.0	(0.1)	68.3	68.5	68.3	-
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	63.8	62.8	-	64.4	64.6	64.4	-

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,449.4	2,493.7	2,497.3	47.9	2,449.4	2,493.7	2,497.3	47.9
Labour Force ('000)	1,773.0	1,830.4	1,811.9	38.9	1,792.5	1,840.7	1,834.0	41.5
Employment ('000)	1,667.5	1,747.6	1,714.3	46.8	1,694.5	1,751.5	1,743.3	48.8
Unemployed ('000)	105.5	82.8	97.6	(7.9)	98.0	89.2	90.8	(7.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	4.5	5.4	(0.6)	5.5	4.8	5.0	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	72.4	73.4	72.6	0.2	73.2	73.8	73.4	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	68.1	70.1	68.6	0.5	69.2	70.2	69.8	0.6

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,345.8	3,386.9	3,391.9	46.1	3,345.8	3,386.9	3,391.9	46.1
Labour Force ('000)	2,136.0	2,205.8	2,201.9	65.9	2,170.7	2,222.6	2,235.7	65.0
Employment ('000)	1,944.5	2,062.0	2,025.0	80.5	1,991.5	2,071.4	2,072.4	80.9
Unemployed ('000)	191.6	143.8	176.9	(14.7)	179.2	151.1	163.3	(15.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.0	6.5	8.0	(1.0)	8.3	6.8	7.3	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	63.8	65.1	64.9	1.1	64.9	65.6	65.9	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	58.1	60.9	59.7	1.6	59.5	61.2	61.1	1.6

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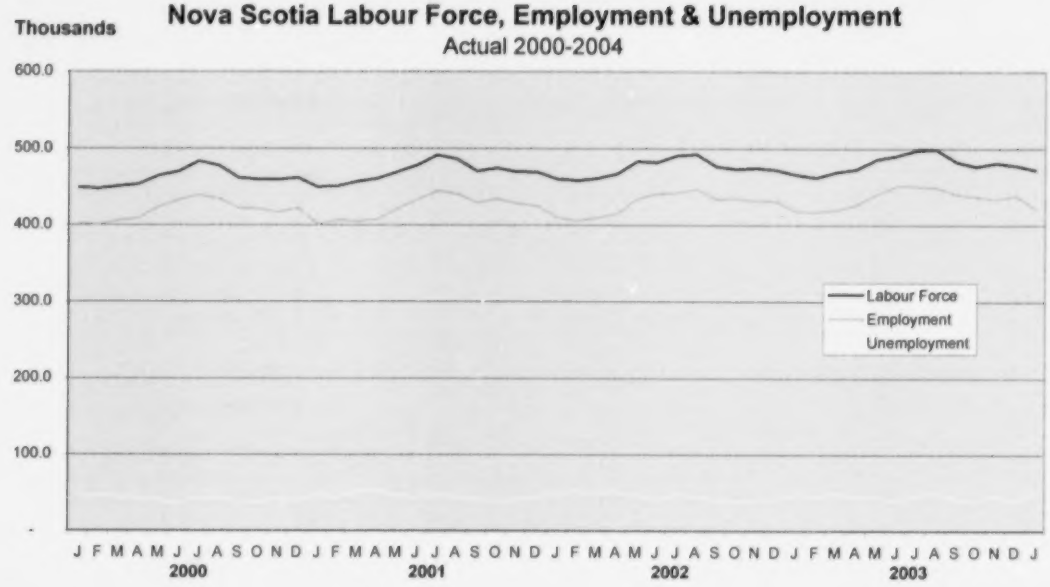
Actual 2000-2004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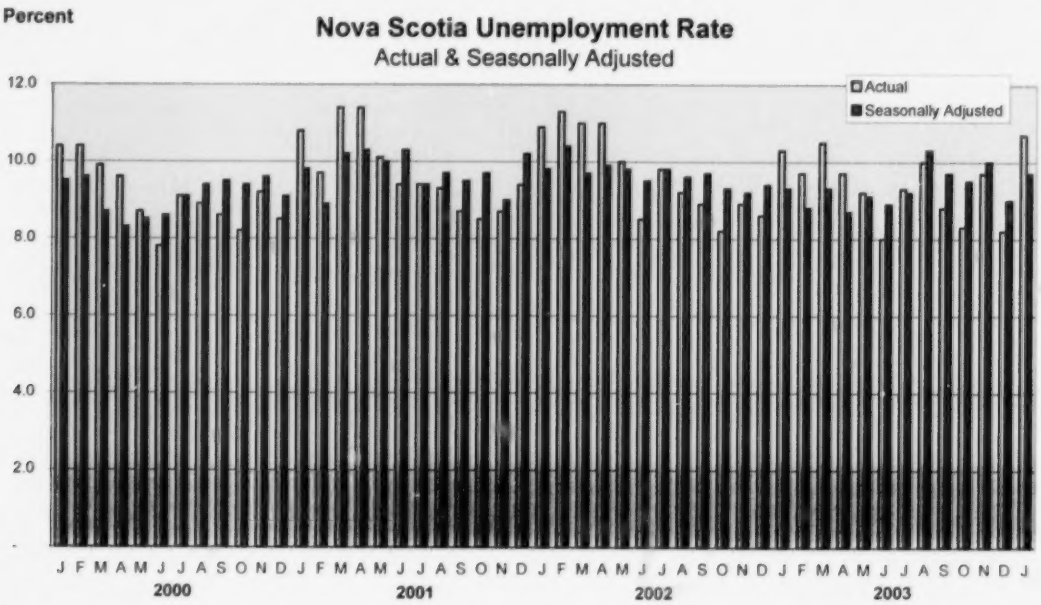
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,088.0	25,378.2	25,406.5	318.5	757.7	761.7	762.1	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	16,710.8	17,045.2	16,997.3	286.5	470.9	478.6	477.1	6.2
Employment ('000)	15,465.2	15,853.6	15,751.9	286.7	427.2	436.8	431.6	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,245.7	1,191.7	1,245.4	(0.3)	43.7	41.8	45.5	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.0	7.3	(0.2)	9.3	8.7	9.5	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	67.2	66.9	0.3	62.1	62.8	62.6	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.6	62.5	62.0	0.4	56.4	57.3	56.6	0.2

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.7	102.2	102.3	0.6	120.3	119.4	119.3	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	63.8	63.8	63.6	(0.2)	62.2	60.8	59.6	(2.6)
Employment ('000)	59.0	59.3	58.5	(0.5)	53.4	49.6	48.6	(4.8)
Unemployed ('000)	4.8	4.6	5.2	0.4	8.8	11.1	11.0	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.2	8.2	0.7	14.1	18.3	18.5	4.4
Participation Rate (%)	62.7	62.4	62.2	(0.5)	51.7	50.9	50.0	(1.7)
Employment Rate (%)	58.0	58.0	57.2	(0.8)	44.4	41.5	40.7	(3.7)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	298.2	302.1	302.5	4.3	286.1	290.0	290.4	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	201.8	208.8	208.9	7.1	196.3	201.6	201.9	5.6
Employment ('000)	186.3	197.4	195.9	9.6	181.4	190.8	189.5	8.1
Unemployed ('000)	15.5	11.5	13.0	(2.5)	14.9	10.9	12.3	(2.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	5.5	6.2	(1.5)	7.6	5.4	6.1	(1.5)
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	69.1	69.1	1.4	68.6	69.5	69.5	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	62.5	65.3	64.8	2.3	63.4	65.8	65.3	1.9

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.4	133.4	0.1	104.3	104.5	104.6	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	79.3	80.4	80.3	1.0	63.7	64.7	64.7	1.0
Employment ('000)	72.1	72.8	71.6	(0.5)	56.4	57.7	57.0	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	7.6	8.7	1.4	7.3	7.0	7.7	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.5	10.8	1.6	11.5	10.8	11.9	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	59.5	60.3	60.2	0.7	61.1	61.9	61.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	54.1	54.6	53.7	(0.4)	54.1	55.2	54.5	0.4

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,637.1	15,920.7	15,935.6	298.5	12,695.2	12,917.2	12,964.0	268.8	2,942.0	3,003.4	2,971.5	29.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	217.6	215.6	220.1	2.5	183.0	185.2	187.1	4.1	34.6	30.4	32.9	(1.7)
Prince Edward Island	67.6	70.2	69.3	1.7	56.4	58.1	58.3	1.9	11.1	12.1	11.0	(0.1)
Nova Scotia	433.7	439.2	436.1	4.4	350.0	351.5	353.7	3.7	83.7	87.7	84.4	0.7
New Brunswick	348.6	346.1	349.7	1.1	294.7	293.3	296.0	1.3	53.9	52.7	53.6	(0.3)
Quebec	3,642.8	3,681.9	3,680.4	37.6	3,000.1	2,973.9	2,999.4	(0.7)	642.7	708.0	681.0	38.3
Ontario	6,186.7	6,285.8	6,303.8	117.1	5,057.3	5,146.2	5,170.2	112.9	1,129.4	1,139.7	1,133.6	4.2
Manitoba	566.5	570.6	571.1	4.6	452.9	461.3	457.9	5.0	113.6	109.3	113.2	(0.4)
Saskatchewan	487.7	488.4	487.4	(0.3)	391.5	392.4	394.9	3.4	96.2	96.1	92.5	(3.7)
Alberta	1,694.5	1,751.5	1,743.3	48.8	1,389.5	1,433.7	1,429.7	40.2	305.0	317.8	313.5	8.5
British Columbia	1,991.5	2,071.4	2,072.4	80.9	1,519.8	1,621.5	1,616.5	96.7	471.7	449.9	455.9	(15.8)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,266.3	15,834.0	15,564.8	298.5	12,200.2	12,689.4	12,480.6	280.4	3,066.1	3,144.5	3,084.2	18.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	199.6	208.9	203.3	3.7	164.8	178.8	170.1	5.3	34.8	30.1	33.2	(1.6)
Prince Edward Island	61.4	66.4	62.9	1.5	49.4	53.6	51.2	1.8	12.1	12.9	11.8	(0.3)
Nova Scotia	417.7	438.6	421.6	3.9	328.6	345.8	333.3	4.7	89.1	92.8	88.3	(0.8)
New Brunswick	329.7	338.7	331.2	1.5	272.8	284.2	274.6	1.8	56.9	54.5	56.6	(0.3)
Quebec	3,534.3	3,642.4	3,570.4	36.1	2,848.6	2,894.9	2,850.7	2.1	685.7	747.5	719.7	34.0
Ontario	6,080.7	6,278.2	6,201.0	120.3	4,917.5	5,082.1	5,035.6	118.1	1,163.2	1,196.1	1,165.4	2.2
Manitoba	555.4	568.6	560.2	4.8	435.9	451.7	441.6	5.7	119.5	116.8	118.6	(0.9)
Saskatchewan	475.5	482.5	474.9	(0.6)	373.8	383.1	379.4	5.6	101.6	99.4	95.5	(6.1)
Alberta	1,667.5	1,747.6	1,714.3	46.8	1,344.0	1,421.4	1,385.1	41.1	323.5	326.2	329.3	5.8
British Columbia	1,944.5	2,062.0	2,025.0	80.5	1,464.8	1,593.8	1,559.1	94.3	479.7	468.2	465.9	(13.8)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,774.0	2,812.2	2,806.5	32.5	2,395.3	2,418.8	2,417.5	22.2	13.7	14.0	13.9	0.2
Newfoundland and Labrador	42.0	39.7	39.2	(2.8)	31.3	28.2	30.4	(0.9)	25.5	29.0	22.4	(3.1)
Prince Edward Island	14.1	13.5	13.5	(0.6)	12.0	11.7	11.4	(0.6)	14.9	13.3	15.6	0.7
Nova Scotia	82.3	83.0	82.9	0.6	70.3	70.7	69.7	(0.6)	14.7	14.8	15.8	1.1
New Brunswick	63.3	64.2	64.2	0.9	54.1	53.7	53.2	(0.9)	14.5	16.4	17.0	2.5
Quebec	639.1	651.1	642.5	3.4	552.8	545.7	544.6	(8.2)	13.5	16.2	15.3	1.8
Ontario	1,057.4	1,078.5	1,076.8	19.4	913.4	919.5	927.3	13.9	13.6	14.7	13.9	0.3
Manitoba	109.9	107.0	109.5	(0.4)	99.5	97.7	98.4	(1.1)	9.5	8.7	10.1	0.6
Saskatchewan	96.1	93.3	93.6	(2.5)	85.9	81.7	81.9	(4.0)	10.6	12.4	12.5	1.9
Alberta	325.0	326.9	327.5	2.5	286.7	300.2	296.7	10.0	11.8	8.2	9.4	(2.4)
British Columbia	344.8	355.2	356.7	11.9	289.3	309.7	303.9	14.6	16.1	12.8	14.8	(1.3)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,588.2	2,682.6	2,620.1	31.9	2,218.4	2,345.1	2,238.3	19.9	14.3	12.6	14.6	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	36.8	35.2	34.3	(2.5)	25.9	26.1	25.5	(0.4)	29.3	25.9	25.7	(3.6)
Prince Edward Island	12.3	12.1	11.9	(0.4)	9.7	10.3	9.2	(0.5)	20.3	14.9	22.7	2.4
Nova Scotia	75.2	78.7	75.3	0.1	63.3	67.9	62.4	(0.9)	15.8	13.6	17.3	1.5
New Brunswick	56.4	59.1	57.4	1.0	47.1	49.8	46.0	(1.1)	16.7	15.7	19.9	3.2
Quebec	599.5	615.2	602.5	3.0	509.3	522.7	500.4	(8.9)	15.0	15.0	16.9	1.9
Ontario	983.5	1,027.8	1,001.9	18.4	852.0	898.4	867.6	15.6	13.4	12.6	13.4	-
Manitoba	102.7	104.5	102.4	(0.3)	91.9	95.8	90.8	(1.1)	10.5	8.3	11.3	0.8
Saskatchewan	88.6	87.9	86.4	(2.2)	78.4	78.5	74.5	(3.9)	11.4	10.7	13.8	2.4
Alberta	307.8	317.5	309.1	1.3	269.2	291.5	277.5	8.3	12.5	8.2	10.2	(2.3)
British Columbia	325.7	344.7	338.9	13.2	271.7	304.1	284.3	12.6	16.6	11.8	16.1	(0.5)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**16,611.3**	**17,021.5**	**16,909.0**	**297.7**	**15,266.3**	**15,834.0**	**15,564.8**	**298.5**	**8.1**	**7.0**	**7.9**	**(0.2)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,167.1**	**4,228.3**	**4,165.5**	**(1.6)**	**3,787.4**	**3,924.0**	**3,794.6**	**7.2**	**9.1**	**7.2**	**8.9**	**(0.2)**
Agriculture	350.7	348.4	336.6	(14.1)	318.0	324.4	309.3	(8.7)	9.3	6.9	8.1	(1.2)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	294.1	320.4	314.0	19.9	263.4	286.3	276.0	12.6	10.5	10.6	12.1	1.6
Utilities	126.2	135.1	132.2	6.0	122.9	130.7	129.2	6.3	2.7	3.3	2.3	(0.4)
Construction	969.0	1,041.8	996.9	27.9	823.0	939.2	858.8	35.8	15.1	9.8	13.9	(1.2)
Manufacturing	2,427.1	2,382.6	2,385.8	(41.3)	2,260.0	2,243.4	2,221.2	(38.8)	6.9	5.8	6.9	-
Services-Producing Sector	**12,089.8**	**12,441.2**	**12,374.2**	**284.4**	**11,479.0**	**11,910.0**	**11,770.3**	**291.3**	**5.1**	**4.3**	**4.9**	**(0.2)**
Trade	2,573.1	2,642.1	2,592.6	19.5	2,424.1	2,530.7	2,452.1	28.0	5.8	4.2	5.4	(0.4)
Transportation and Warehousing	794.5	803.9	816.3	21.8	761.8	775.9	781.4	19.6	4.1	3.5	4.3	0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	935.0	975.7	980.3	45.3	905.9	952.8	948.4	42.5	3.1	2.3	3.2	0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,031.8	1,013.9	1,026.2	(5.6)	983.4	974.3	991.2	7.8	4.7	3.9	3.4	(1.3)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	641.0	689.9	680.9	39.9	573.2	623.5	601.2	28.0	10.6	9.6	11.7	1.1
Educational Services	1,122.7	1,125.9	1,132.7	10.0	1,099.9	1,097.8	1,102.6	2.7	2.0	2.5	2.7	0.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,679.7	1,768.6	1,793.8	114.1	1,645.9	1,735.7	1,755.4	109.5	2.0	1.9	2.1	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	732.0	742.8	753.9	21.9	663.1	694.5	695.7	32.6	9.4	6.5	7.7	(1.7)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,050.7	1,099.6	1,053.4	2.7	958.5	1,014.6	964.5	6.0	8.8	7.7	8.4	(0.4)
Other Services	731.5	736.7	715.9	(15.6)	691.0	698.9	677.3	(13.7)	5.5	5.1	5.4	(0.1)
Public Administration	797.7	841.9	828.2	30.5	772.1	811.2	800.6	28.5	3.2	3.6	3.3	0.1
Unclassified Industries	354.4	351.9	369.2	14.8	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**465.7**	**477.9**	**472.2**	**6.5**	**417.7**	**438.6**	**421.6**	**3.9**	**10.3**	**8.2**	**10.7**	**0.4**
Goods-Producing Sector	**104.5**	**110.6**	**107.2**	**2.7**	**88.1**	**98.5**	**89.4**	**1.3**	**15.7**	**10.9**	**16.7**	**1.0**
Agriculture	6.4	7.1	6.5	0.1	5.3	6.1	5.1	(0.2)	17.2	14.1	21.5	4.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	17.1	17.9	16.8	(0.3)	14.8	15.3	13.3	(1.5)	13.5	14.5	20.8	7.3
Utilities	3.2	2.9	2.9	(0.3)	2.9	2.7	2.9	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	26.6	32.2	32.6	6.0	20.4	28.3	25.7	5.3	23.3	12.1	21.2	(2.1)
Manufacturing	51.0	50.5	48.5	(2.5)	44.6	46.1	42.4	(2.2)	12.5	8.7	12.6	0.1
Services-Producing Sector	**352.2**	**358.9**	**356.4**	**4.2**	**329.6**	**340.1**	**332.3**	**2.7**	**6.4**	**5.2**	**6.8**	**0.4**
Trade	78.5	79.7	78.2	(0.3)	73.1	77.2	73.2	0.1	6.9	3.1	6.4	(0.5)
Transportation and Warehousing	20.0	21.2	21.4	1.4	18.9	19.9	19.4	0.5	5.5	6.1	9.3	3.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.1	20.8	21.8	(0.3)	21.4	20.0	20.8	(0.6)	3.2	3.8	4.6	1.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.7	19.6	19.7	(2.0)	20.1	18.6	18.3	(1.8)	6.9	5.1	7.1	0.2
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	22.9	26.0	26.5	3.6	20.8	23.2	23.4	2.6	9.6	11.2	11.7	2.1
Educational Services	37.3	36.5	36.1	(1.2)	35.9	35.2	35.0	(0.9)	4.0	3.6	3.3	(0.7)
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.9	56.4	58.0	4.1	51.9	55.2	56.8	4.9	3.7	2.1	1.9	(1.8)
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.0	19.2	18.6	1.6	15.3	17.7	17.0	1.7	10.0	7.8	8.6	(1.4)
Accommodation and Food Services	28.7	28.5	26.2	(2.5)	24.6	25.5	22.2	(2.4)	14.6	10.5	15.3	0.7
Other Services	23.7	20.3	19.8	(3.9)	22.5	18.6	17.7	(4.8)	5.1	8.4	10.6	5.5
Public Administration	26.3	30.6	30.0	3.7	25.2	29.0	28.4	3.2	4.2	5.2	5.3	1.1
Unclassified Industries	9.0	8.4	8.6	(0.4)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change	Jan 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.9	9.6	10.4	0.5	62.0	60.0	59.9	(2.1)	68.9	66.3	66.8	(2.1)
Halifax	**7.6**	**5.4**	**6.1**	**(1.5)**	**63.4**	**65.8**	**65.3**	**1.9**	**68.6**	**69.5**	**69.5**	**0.9**
Saint John, New Brunswick	7.8	7.6	8.1	0.3	60.9	58.7	58.2	(2.7)	66.1	63.6	63.4	(2.7)
Saguenay	10.6	11.5	12.3	1.7	53.7	54.2	54.8	1.1	60.1	61.3	62.4	2.3
Québec	6.8	6.8	6.6	(0.2)	61.1	60.2	59.4	(1.7)	65.5	64.5	63.6	(1.9)
Trois-Rivières	9.5	10.3	9.8	0.3	55.2	55.5	54.9	(0.3)	61.0	61.9	60.9	(0.1)
Sherbrooke	7.6	7.2	7.6	-	60.1	61.2	59.7	(0.4)	65.0	65.9	64.6	(0.4)
Montréal	8.5	8.6	8.9	0.4	62.0	62.7	62.1	0.1	67.8	68.5	68.2	0.4
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.3	6.9	6.7	(0.6)	65.1	66.0	65.4	0.3	70.2	70.8	70.1	(0.1)
Sudbury	7.9	8.9	9.4	1.5	56.3	57.0	57.7	1.4	61.2	62.7	63.7	2.5
Oshawa	5.2	4.3	4.7	(0.5)	67.2	69.1	69.1	1.9	70.9	72.2	72.5	1.6
Toronto	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.1	65.0	64.4	64.1	(0.9)	69.7	69.0	68.8	(0.9)
Hamilton	6.0	4.9	4.9	(1.1)	63.7	65.2	64.8	1.1	67.7	68.5	68.1	0.4
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.9	6.5	7.2	(0.7)	58.1	59.7	58.1	-	63.1	63.8	62.6	(0.5)
London	6.0	6.0	6.2	0.2	62.3	64.5	64.3	2.0	66.3	68.6	68.5	2.2
Windsor	7.4	7.2	7.9	0.5	62.9	61.4	61.0	(1.9)	68.0	66.1	66.2	(1.8)
Kitchener	5.3	4.7	4.5	(0.8)	66.5	66.8	66.1	(0.4)	70.2	70.2	69.2	(1.0)
Thunder Bay	5.2	6.2	7.1	1.9	63.4	62.1	61.1	(2.3)	66.8	66.1	65.7	(1.1)
Winnipeg	5.1	5.1	5.4	0.3	67.5	66.3	65.9	(1.6)	71.1	69.8	69.7	(1.4)
Regina	5.3	4.7	5.5	0.2	68.5	70.1	69.6	1.1	72.3	73.6	73.6	1.3
Saskatoon	5.8	5.5	6.1	0.3	65.7	65.2	64.8	(0.9)	69.7	68.9	69.0	(0.7)
Calgary	5.4	5.4	5.4	-	70.8	70.9	71.1	0.3	74.8	75.0	75.2	0.4
Edmonton	5.0	4.4	4.8	(0.2)	67.5	69.0	68.1	0.6	71.0	72.1	71.6	0.6
Vancouver	7.6	6.1	6.1	(1.5)	62.0	63.2	62.9	0.9	67.1	67.3	67.0	(0.1)
Victoria	6.5	4.7	5.2	(1.3)	57.8	60.8	60.3	2.5	61.8	63.8	63.6	1.8

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive
and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2004:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
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April 2004	May 7, 2004
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June 2004	July 9, 2004
July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,125.1	25,436.0	25,465.2	340.1	25,125.1	25,436.0	25,465.2	340.1
Labour Force ('000)	16,710.0	16,909.0	16,927.9	217.9	16,952.0	17,202.4	17,180.3	228.3
Employment ('000)	15,375.7	15,564.8	15,598.7	223.0	15,686.3	15,935.6	15,914.4	228.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,334.4	1,344.2	1,329.2	(5.2)	1,265.7	1,266.9	1,265.9	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.9	7.9	(0.1)	7.5	7.4	7.4	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.5	66.5	-	67.5	67.6	67.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	61.2	61.2	61.3	0.1	62.4	62.6	62.5	0.1

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	758.2	762.6	763.1	4.9	758.2	762.6	763.1	4.9
Labour Force ('000)	462.1	472.2	471.2	9.1	477.2	485.0	486.2	9.0
Employment ('000)	417.4	421.6	423.2	5.8	435.0	438.1	440.5	5.5
Unemployed ('000)	44.7	50.6	48.0	3.3	42.2	46.9	45.7	3.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	10.7	10.2	0.5	8.8	9.7	9.4	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	60.9	61.9	61.7	0.8	62.9	63.6	63.7	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	55.1	55.3	55.5	0.4	57.4	57.4	57.7	0.3

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.3	439.6	439.8	0.5	439.3	439.6	439.8	0.5
Labour Force ('000)	249.0	250.3	247.2	(1.8)	264.9	263.6	262.3	(2.6)
Employment ('000)	201.1	203.3	202.3	1.2	218.7	220.1	219.0	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	47.9	47.0	44.9	(3.0)	46.2	43.6	43.2	(3.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.2	18.8	18.2	(1.0)	17.4	16.5	16.5	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	56.7	56.9	56.2	(0.5)	60.3	60.0	59.6	(0.7)
Employment Rate (%)	45.8	46.2	46.0	0.2	49.8	50.1	49.8	-

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.7	113.8	114.1	1.4	112.7	113.8	114.1	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	72.7	73.9	74.3	1.6	76.7	77.7	78.0	1.3
Employment ('000)	62.1	62.9	63.1	1.0	67.8	69.3	68.9	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	10.6	10.9	11.2	0.6	8.9	8.4	9.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	14.7	15.1	0.5	11.6	10.8	11.7	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.5	64.9	65.1	0.6	68.1	68.3	68.4	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	55.1	55.3	55.3	0.2	60.2	60.9	60.4	0.2

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.5	610.8	611.1	2.6	608.5	610.8	611.1	2.6
Labour Force ('000)	378.1	375.3	372.7	(5.4)	391.3	390.4	387.7	(3.6)
Employment ('000)	329.6	331.2	331.6	2.0	349.4	349.7	350.9	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	48.5	44.1	41.1	(7.4)	41.9	40.7	36.7	(5.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.8	11.8	11.0	(1.8)	10.7	10.4	9.5	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	62.1	61.4	61.0	(1.1)	64.3	63.9	63.4	(0.9)
Employment Rate (%)	54.2	54.2	54.3	0.1	57.4	57.3	57.4	-

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,062.1	6,118.3	6,123.6	61.5	6,062.1	6,118.3	6,123.6	61.5
Labour Force ('000)	3,936.9	3,967.5	3,977.7	40.8	3,992.8	4,047.1	4,037.6	44.8
Employment ('000)	3,564.4	3,570.4	3,597.1	32.7	3,646.3	3,680.4	3,681.6	35.3
Unemployed ('000)	372.5	397.1	380.6	8.1	346.5	366.7	356.0	9.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	10.0	9.6	0.1	8.7	9.1	8.8	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	64.8	65.0	0.1	65.9	66.1	65.9	-
Employment Rate (%)	58.8	58.4	58.7	(0.1)	60.1	60.2	60.1	-

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,721.5	9,872.4	9,886.0	164.5	9,721.5	9,872.4	9,886.0	164.5
Labour Force ('000)	6,585.2	6,655.3	6,677.9	92.7	6,663.6	6,749.9	6,755.5	91.9
Employment ('000)	6,120.1	6,201.0	6,218.2	98.1	6,214.8	6,303.8	6,308.3	93.5
Unemployed ('000)	465.1	454.3	459.7	(5.4)	448.7	446.2	447.3	(1.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.8	6.9	(0.2)	6.7	6.6	6.6	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	67.4	67.5	(0.2)	68.5	68.4	68.3	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	62.8	62.9	(0.1)	63.9	63.9	63.8	(0.1)

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	864.8	872.7	873.5	8.7	864.8	872.7	873.5	8.7
Labour Force ('000)	589.6	594.1	594.4	4.8	596.6	602.6	601.9	5.3
Employment ('000)	556.6	560.2	562.9	6.3	566.7	571.1	573.0	6.3
Unemployed ('000)	33.0	33.9	31.5	(1.5)	29.9	31.4	29.0	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	5.7	5.3	(0.3)	5.0	5.2	4.8	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.1	68.0	(0.2)	69.0	69.1	68.9	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	64.2	64.4	-	65.5	65.4	65.6	0.1

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.1	756.5	756.9	(0.2)	757.1	756.5	756.9	(0.2)
Labour Force ('000)	508.1	506.6	508.4	0.3	517.5	516.4	517.8	0.3
Employment ('000)	475.5	474.9	477.0	1.5	487.1	487.4	488.4	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	32.6	31.7	31.4	(1.2)	30.4	29.0	29.3	(1.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.3	6.2	(0.2)	5.9	5.6	5.7	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	67.0	67.2	0.1	68.4	68.3	68.4	-
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	62.8	63.0	0.2	64.3	64.4	64.5	0.2

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,453.1	2,497.3	2,500.6	47.5	2,453.1	2,497.3	2,500.6	47.5
Labour Force ('000)	1,770.2	1,811.9	1,819.8	49.6	1,791.3	1,834.0	1,842.9	51.6
Employment ('000)	1,677.4	1,714.3	1,722.4	45.0	1,700.0	1,743.3	1,747.7	47.7
Unemployed ('000)	92.8	97.6	97.4	4.6	91.3	90.8	95.1	3.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.4	5.4	0.2	5.1	5.0	5.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	72.2	72.6	72.8	0.6	73.0	73.4	73.7	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	68.4	68.6	68.9	0.5	69.3	69.8	69.9	0.6

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,347.9	3,391.9	3,396.5	48.6	3,347.9	3,391.9	3,396.5	48.6
Labour Force ('000)	2,158.1	2,201.9	2,184.3	26.2	2,180.1	2,235.7	2,210.5	30.4
Employment ('000)	1,971.3	2,025.0	2,000.8	29.5	2,000.4	2,072.4	2,036.0	35.6
Unemployed ('000)	186.8	176.9	183.4	(3.4)	179.7	163.3	174.4	(5.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	8.0	8.4	(0.3)	8.2	7.3	7.9	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	64.5	64.9	64.3	(0.2)	65.1	65.9	65.1	-
Employment Rate (%)	58.9	59.7	58.9	-	59.8	61.1	59.9	0.1

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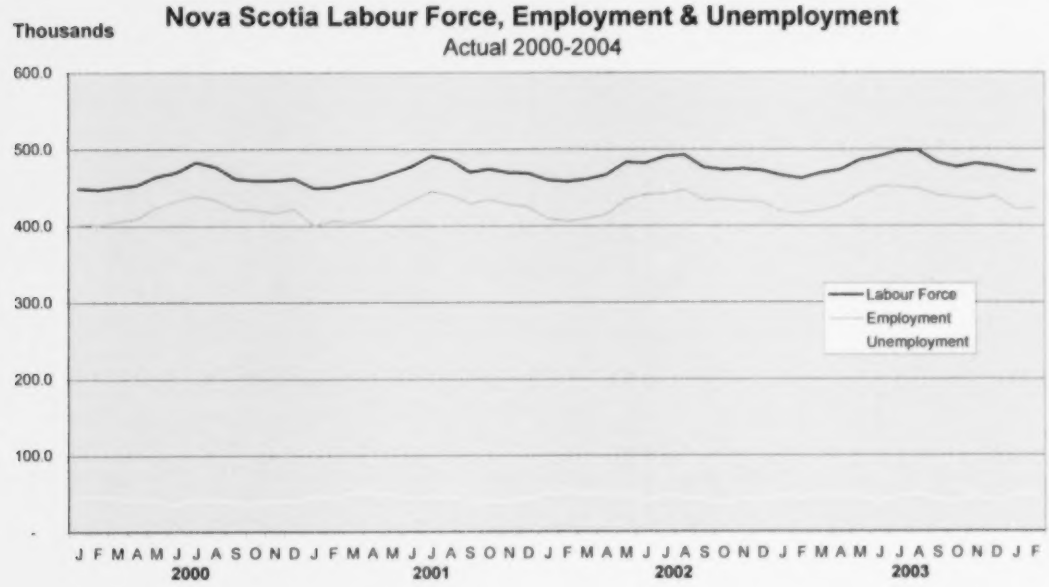
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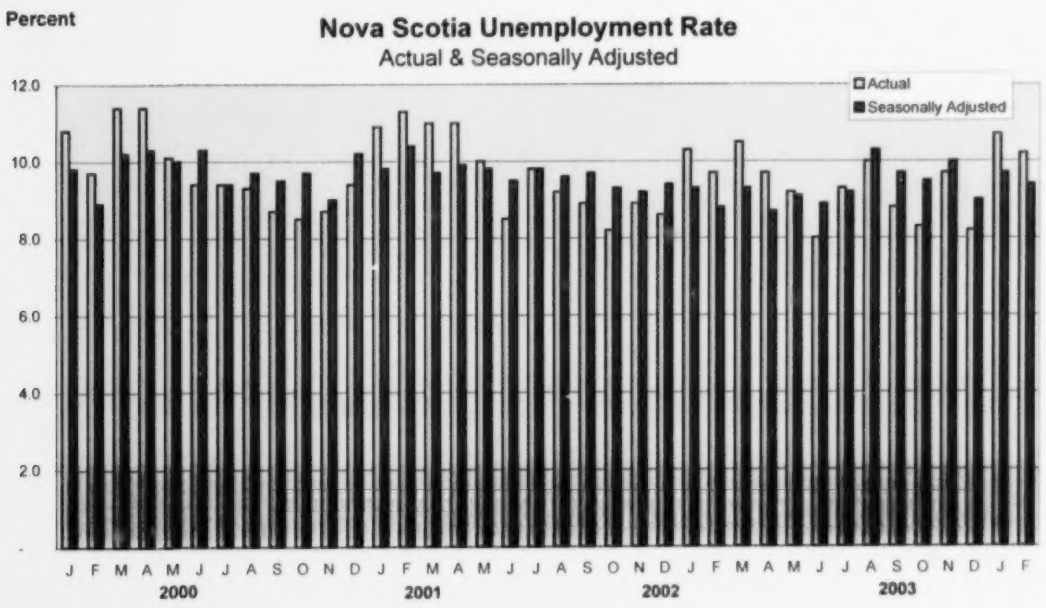

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Economic Regions/CMA

(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,106.9	25,406.5	25,435.0	328.1	757.9	762.1	762.6	4.7
Labour Force ('000)	16,688.5	16,997.3	16,952.8	264.3	466.7	477.1	473.8	7.1
Employment ('000)	15,396.9	15,751.9	15,665.9	269.0	422.2	431.6	427.8	5.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,291.5	1,245.4	1,286.9	(4.6)	44.5	45.5	45.9	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.3	7.6	(0.1)	9.5	9.5	9.7	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	66.9	66.7	0.2	61.6	62.6	62.1	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	62.0	61.6	0.3	55.7	56.6	56.1	0.4

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.7	102.3	102.4	0.7	120.2	119.3	119.3	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	62.3	63.6	63.2	0.9	61.6	59.6	59.3	(2.3)
Employment ('000)	56.5	58.5	57.3	0.8	52.4	48.6	48.9	(3.5)
Unemployed ('000)	5.9	5.2	5.8	(0.1)	9.1	11.0	10.4	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	8.2	9.2	(0.3)	14.8	18.5	17.5	2.7
Participation Rate (%)	61.3	62.2	61.7	0.4	51.2	50.0	49.7	(1.5)
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	57.2	56.0	0.4	43.6	40.7	41.0	(2.6)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	298.5	302.5	302.9	4.4	286.5	290.4	290.8	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	201.4	208.9	207.6	6.2	195.7	201.9	200.8	5.1
Employment ('000)	186.2	195.9	193.9	7.7	181.1	189.5	187.8	6.7
Unemployed ('000)	15.1	13.0	13.7	(1.4)	14.7	12.3	13.0	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	6.2	6.6	(0.9)	7.5	6.1	6.5	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	69.1	68.5	1.0	68.3	69.5	69.1	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	62.4	64.8	64.0	1.6	63.2	65.3	64.6	1.4

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.4	133.4	0.2	104.3	104.6	104.6	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	78.8	80.3	79.9	1.1	62.7	64.7	63.7	1.0
Employment ('000)	71.2	71.6	71.0	(0.2)	55.9	57.0	56.7	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	7.5	8.7	8.9	1.4	6.8	7.7	7.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	10.8	11.1	1.6	10.8	11.9	11.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	59.2	60.2	59.9	0.7	60.1	61.9	60.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	53.5	53.7	53.2	(0.3)	53.6	54.5	54.2	0.6

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,686.3	15,935.6	15,914.4	228.1	12,727.1	12,964.0	12,975.4	248.3	2,959.2	2,971.5	2,939.0	(20.2)
Newfoundland and Labrador	218.7	220.1	219.0	0.3	182.9	187.1	186.7	3.8	35.8	32.9	32.3	(3.5)
Prince Edward Island	67.8	69.3	68.9	1.1	57.3	58.3	57.9	0.6	10.4	11.0	11.0	0.6
Nova Scotia	435.0	438.1	440.5	5.5	352.0	353.7	359.9	7.9	83.1	84.4	80.6	(2.5)
New Brunswick	349.4	349.7	350.9	1.5	294.1	296.0	295.9	1.8	55.2	53.6	55.1	(0.1)
Quebec	3,646.3	3,680.4	3,681.6	35.3	2,985.7	2,999.4	2,994.9	9.2	660.6	681.0	686.7	26.1
Ontario	6,214.8	6,303.8	6,308.3	93.5	5,078.7	5,170.2	5,183.5	104.8	1,136.1	1,133.6	1,124.8	(11.3)
Manitoba	566.7	571.1	573.0	6.3	454.3	457.9	462.9	8.6	112.4	113.2	110.0	(2.4)
Saskatchewan	487.1	487.4	488.4	1.3	391.1	394.9	396.4	5.3	96.1	92.5	92.1	(4.0)
Alberta	1,700.0	1,743.3	1,747.7	47.7	1,398.1	1,429.7	1,438.4	40.3	301.9	313.5	309.4	7.5
British Columbia	2,000.4	2,072.4	2,036.0	35.6	1,531.9	1,616.5	1,598.6	66.7	468.5	455.9	437.5	(31.0)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,375.7	15,564.8	15,598.7	223.0	12,258.9	12,480.6	12,523.7	264.8	3,116.8	3,084.2	3,075.0	(41.8)
Newfoundland and Labrador	201.1	203.3	202.3	1.2	164.0	170.1	168.9	4.9	37.2	33.2	33.4	(3.8)
Prince Edward Island	62.1	62.9	63.1	1.0	50.6	51.2	51.1	0.5	11.5	11.8	12.1	0.6
Nova Scotia	417.4	421.6	423.2	5.8	327.3	333.3	334.9	7.6	90.1	88.3	88.3	(1.8)
New Brunswick	329.6	331.2	331.6	2.0	271.3	274.6	273.6	2.3	58.3	56.6	58.0	(0.3)
Quebec	3,564.4	3,570.4	3,597.1	32.7	2,851.7	2,850.7	2,874.0	22.3	712.8	719.7	723.1	10.3
Ontario	6,120.1	6,201.0	6,218.2	98.1	4,936.6	5,035.6	5,046.5	109.9	1,183.5	1,165.4	1,171.7	(11.8)
Manitoba	556.6	560.2	562.9	6.3	436.1	441.6	445.5	9.4	120.5	118.6	117.4	(3.1)
Saskatchewan	475.5	474.9	477.0	1.5	372.5	379.4	379.7	7.2	103.0	95.5	97.3	(5.7)
Alberta	1,677.4	1,714.3	1,722.4	45.0	1,356.3	1,385.1	1,395.3	39.0	321.1	329.3	327.1	6.0
British Columbia	1,971.3	2,025.0	2,000.8	29.5	1,492.5	1,559.1	1,554.3	61.8	478.8	465.9	446.6	(32.2)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,787.6	2,806.5	2,781.3	(6.3)	2,419.0	2,417.5	2,389.3	(29.7)	13.2	13.9	14.1	0.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	42.9	39.2	39.5	(3.4)	31.6	30.4	29.3	(2.3)	26.3	22.4	25.8	(0.5)
Prince Edward Island	14.0	13.5	13.3	(0.7)	11.9	11.4	11.2	(0.7)	15.0	15.6	15.8	0.8
Nova Scotia	82.6	82.9	81.7	(0.9)	71.1	69.7	69.4	(1.7)	13.9	15.8	15.1	1.2
New Brunswick	63.3	64.2	63.1	(0.2)	54.9	53.2	52.4	(2.5)	13.4	17.0	17.0	3.6
Quebec	645.2	642.5	636.2	(9.0)	553.1	544.6	539.7	(13.4)	14.3	15.3	15.2	0.9
Ontario	1,075.1	1,076.8	1,076.0	0.9	931.4	927.3	920.1	(11.3)	13.4	13.9	14.5	1.1
Manitoba	108.8	109.5	107.1	(1.7)	98.8	98.4	97.1	(1.7)	9.2	10.1	9.3	0.1
Saskatchewan	97.6	93.6	92.5	(5.1)	87.3	81.9	81.1	(6.2)	10.6	12.5	12.3	1.7
Alberta	318.9	327.5	331.1	12.2	288.8	296.7	298.9	10.1	9.4	9.4	9.7	0.3
British Columbia	339.2	356.7	340.7	1.5	290.1	303.9	290.0	(0.1)	14.5	14.8	14.9	0.4

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,611.2	2,620.1	2,600.5	(10.7)	2,245.8	2,238.3	2,213.8	(32.0)	14.0	14.6	14.9	0.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	36.7	34.3	34.3	(2.4)	26.8	25.5	25.0	(1.8)	27.0	25.7	27.1	0.1
Prince Edward Island	12.3	11.9	11.7	(0.6)	9.9	9.2	9.3	(0.6)	19.5	22.7	20.5	1.0
Nova Scotia	74.2	75.3	72.8	(1.4)	63.2	62.4	61.6	(1.6)	14.8	17.3	15.4	0.6
New Brunswick	56.6	57.4	56.1	(0.5)	48.2	46.0	45.5	(2.7)	14.8	19.9	18.9	4.1
Quebec	607.3	602.5	596.8	(10.5)	512.1	500.4	496.5	(15.6)	15.7	16.9	16.8	1.1
Ontario	1,004.0	1,001.9	1,006.4	2.4	863.5	867.6	856.4	(7.1)	14.0	13.4	14.9	0.9
Manitoba	103.0	102.4	100.7	(2.3)	92.2	90.8	90.4	(1.8)	10.5	11.3	10.2	(0.3)
Saskatchewan	90.9	86.4	85.9	(5.0)	80.9	74.5	74.9	(6.0)	11.0	13.8	12.8	1.8
Alberta	300.7	309.1	311.7	11.0	272.2	277.5	280.3	8.1	9.5	10.2	10.1	0.6
British Columbia	325.5	338.9	324.0	(1.5)	276.7	284.3	273.9	(2.8)	15.0	16.1	15.5	0.5

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**16,710.0**	**16,909.0**	**16,927.9**	**217.9**	**15,375.7**	**15,564.8**	**15,598.7**	**223.0**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**(0.1)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,177.0**	**4,165.5**	**4,145.5**	**(31.5)**	**3,822.7**	**3,794.6**	**3,792.3**	**(30.4)**	**8.5**	**8.9**	**8.5**	**-**
Agriculture	344.3	336.6	336.1	(8.2)	314.6	309.3	310.1	(4.5)	8.7	8.1	7.8	(0.9)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	298.4	314.0	313.8	15.4	267.4	276.0	281.7	14.3	10.4	12.1	10.2	(0.2)
Utilities	130.6	132.2	128.2	(2.4)	127.1	129.2	123.7	(3.4)	2.7	2.3	3.5	0.8
Construction	957.4	996.9	984.1	26.7	825.4	858.8	853.1	27.7	13.8	13.9	13.3	(0.5)
Manufacturing	2,446.3	2,385.8	2,383.2	(63.1)	2,288.3	2,221.2	2,223.6	(64.7)	6.5	6.9	6.7	0.2
Services-Producing Sector	**12,163.0**	**12,374.2**	**12,414.2**	**251.2**	**11,553.0**	**11,770.3**	**11,806.5**	**253.5**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**(0.1)**
Trade	2,543.6	2,592.6	2,598.7	55.1	2,397.2	2,452.1	2,443.1	45.9	5.8	5.4	6.0	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	792.5	816.3	834.7	42.2	753.3	781.4	798.7	45.4	4.9	4.3	4.3	(0.6)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	960.1	980.3	975.6	15.5	933.4	948.4	945.3	11.9	2.8	3.2	3.1	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,050.8	1,026.2	1,052.9	2.1	1,002.7	991.2	1,014.5	11.8	4.6	3.4	3.6	(1.0)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	643.0	680.9	680.5	37.5	583.0	601.2	600.1	17.1	9.3	11.7	11.8	2.5
Educational Services	1,125.9	1,132.7	1,162.7	36.8	1,104.9	1,102.6	1,136.3	31.4	1.9	2.7	2.3	0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,697.6	1,793.8	1,753.1	55.5	1,659.0	1,755.4	1,714.0	55.0	2.3	2.1	2.2	(0.1)
Information, Culture and Recreation	712.7	753.9	746.5	33.8	653.3	695.7	704.1	50.8	8.3	7.7	5.7	(2.6)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,087.1	1,053.4	1,070.6	(16.5)	983.0	964.5	982.5	(0.5)	9.6	8.4	8.2	(1.4)
Other Services	744.3	715.9	709.9	(34.4)	700.7	677.3	667.5	(33.2)	5.9	5.4	6.0	0.1
Public Administration	805.1	828.2	829.0	23.9	782.5	800.6	800.3	17.8	2.8	3.3	3.5	0.7
Unclassified Industries	370.1	369.2	368.2	(1.9)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**462.1**	**472.2**	**471.2**	**9.1**	**417.4**	**421.6**	**423.2**	**5.8**	**9.7**	**10.7**	**10.2**	**0.5**
Goods-Producing Sector	**105.6**	**107.2**	**103.8**	**(1.8)**	**87.8**	**89.4**	**87.1**	**(0.7)**	**16.9**	**16.7**	**16.1**	**(0.8)**
Agriculture	7.4	6.5	6.1	(1.3)	6.1	5.1	5.1	(1.0)	17.6	21.5	16.4	(1.2)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	16.5	16.8	17.4	0.9	13.7	13.3	14.2	0.5	17.0	20.8	18.4	1.4
Utilities	2.6	2.9	3.2	0.6	2.2	2.9	3.1	0.9	-	-	-	-
Construction	27.8	32.6	30.5	2.7	20.2	25.7	23.8	3.6	27.7	21.2	22.0	(5.7)
Manufacturing	51.4	48.5	46.6	(4.8)	45.7	42.4	41.0	(4.7)	11.1	12.6	12.0	0.9
Services-Producing Sector	**348.1**	**356.4**	**358.9**	**10.8**	**329.6**	**332.3**	**336.1**	**6.5**	**5.3**	**6.8**	**6.4**	**1.1**
Trade	75.7	78.2	80.6	4.9	71.1	73.2	73.6	2.5	6.2	6.4	8.6	2.4
Transportation and Warehousing	19.0	21.4	21.6	2.6	18.2	19.4	20.3	2.1	4.2	9.3	6.0	1.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.3	21.8	21.2	(1.1)	21.9	20.8	20.4	(1.5)	-	4.6	3.8	3.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.8	19.7	20.7	(1.1)	20.0	18.3	19.3	(0.7)	8.3	7.1	6.8	(1.5)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	22.8	26.5	27.8	5.0	21.4	23.4	25.5	4.1	6.1	11.7	8.6	2.5
Educational Services	36.0	36.1	36.4	0.4	35.6	35.0	35.2	(0.4)	-	3.3	3.3	3.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	55.0	58.0	56.5	1.5	53.4	56.8	55.4	2.0	3.1	1.9	1.9	(1.2)
Information, Culture and Recreation	15.9	18.6	16.8	0.9	14.6	17.0	15.4	0.8	8.2	8.6	8.3	0.1
Accommodation and Food Services	29.9	26.2	29.0	(0.9)	26.4	22.2	25.1	(1.3)	11.7	15.3	13.4	1.7
Other Services	24.3	19.8	20.1	(4.2)	22.7	17.7	18.3	(4.4)	6.6	10.6	8.5	1.9
Public Administration	25.3	30.0	28.2	2.9	24.4	28.4	27.6	3.2	3.6	5.3	2.1	(1.5)
Unclassified Industries	8.4	8.6	8.5	0.1	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change	Feb 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	10.0	10.4	10.6	0.6	61.5	59.9	59.4	(2.1)	68.3	66.8	66.5	(1.8)
Halifax	7.5	6.1	6.5	(1.0)	63.2	65.3	64.6	1.4	68.3	69.5	69.1	0.8
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.4	8.1	8.2	(1.2)	59.9	58.2	58.4	(1.5)	66.2	63.4	63.7	(2.5)
Saguenay	11.7	12.3	13.7	2.0	53.0	54.8	54.8	1.8	60.0	62.4	63.5	3.5
Québec	8.0	6.6	7.6	(0.4)	60.5	59.4	58.5	(2.0)	65.7	63.6	63.3	(2.4)
Trois-Rivières	9.9	9.8	9.8	(0.1)	55.3	54.9	54.5	(0.8)	61.3	60.9	60.4	(0.9)
Sherbrooke	7.7	7.6	8.1	0.4	60.2	59.7	59.0	(1.2)	65.2	64.6	64.2	(1.0)
Montréal	8.8	8.9	8.9	0.1	61.8	62.1	61.4	(0.4)	67.7	68.2	67.4	(0.3)
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.2	6.7	6.7	(0.5)	65.0	65.4	65.2	0.2	70.1	70.1	69.9	(0.2)
Sudbury	8.8	9.4	8.8	-	55.5	57.7	58.3	2.8	60.7	63.7	63.9	3.2
Oshawa	5.3	4.7	4.9	(0.4)	67.4	69.1	68.8	1.4	71.2	72.5	72.3	1.1
Toronto	7.0	6.8	6.9	(0.1)	64.7	64.1	64.1	(0.6)	69.6	68.8	68.8	(0.8)
Hamilton	6.1	4.9	6.1	-	63.6	64.8	63.2	(0.4)	67.7	68.1	67.3	(0.4)
St. Catharines - Niagara	8.4	7.2	8.0	(0.4)	57.5	58.1	56.7	(0.8)	62.8	62.6	61.7	(1.1)
London	6.6	6.2	6.8	0.2	61.5	64.3	64.1	2.6	65.8	68.5	68.8	3.0
Windsor	7.9	7.9	7.9	-	62.5	61.0	60.5	(2.0)	67.8	66.2	65.6	(2.2)
Kitchener	6.3	4.5	5.5	(0.8)	66.1	66.1	65.4	(0.7)	70.6	69.2	69.2	(1.4)
Thunder Bay	4.7	7.1	7.6	2.9	64.2	61.1	60.7	(3.5)	67.4	65.7	65.7	(1.7)
Winnipeg	5.5	5.4	5.5	-	66.8	65.9	65.9	(0.9)	70.7	69.7	69.7	(1.0)
Regina	5.8	5.5	5.7	(0.1)	67.5	69.6	69.5	2.0	71.7	73.6	73.6	1.9
Saskatoon	5.8	6.1	6.5	0.7	64.7	64.8	63.7	(1.0)	68.7	69.0	68.3	(0.4)
Calgary	5.3	5.4	5.5	0.2	70.5	71.1	71.3	0.8	74.5	75.2	75.4	0.9
Edmonton	5.1	4.8	5.2	0.1	67.3	68.1	68.0	0.7	71.0	71.6	71.7	0.7
Vancouver	7.6	6.1	6.5	(1.1)	61.5	62.9	62.3	0.8	66.6	67.0	66.6	-
Victoria	6.4	5.2	5.4	(1.0)	58.3	60.3	59.1	0.8	62.3	63.6	62.5	0.2

Employment Situation
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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive
and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2004:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
March 2004	April 8, 2004
April 2004	May 7, 2004
May 2004	June 4, 2004
June 2004	July 9, 2004
July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,145.9	25,465.2	25,492.9	347.0	25,145.9	25,465.2	25,492.9	347.0
Labour Force ('000)	16,743.3	16,927.9	16,981.9	238.6	16,951.2	17,180.3	17,188.1	236.9
Employment ('000)	15,424.0	15,598.7	15,624.2	200.2	15,694.3	15,914.4	15,901.1	206.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,319.3	1,329.2	1,357.6	38.3	1,256.9	1,265.9	1,287.0	30.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.9	8.0	0.1	7.4	7.4	7.5	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.5	66.6	-	67.4	67.5	67.4	-
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	61.3	61.3	-	62.4	62.5	62.4	-

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	758.5	763.1	763.4	4.9	758.5	763.1	763.4	4.9
Labour Force ('000)	469.3	471.2	480.0	10.7	479.1	486.2	487.6	8.5
Employment ('000)	419.9	423.2	428.5	8.6	434.6	440.5	442.7	8.1
Unemployed ('000)	49.4	48.0	51.5	2.1	44.4	45.7	44.9	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.5	10.2	10.7	0.2	9.3	9.4	9.2	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	61.7	62.9	1.0	63.2	63.7	63.9	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	55.4	55.5	56.1	0.7	57.3	57.7	58.0	0.7

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.4	439.8	439.9	0.5	439.4	439.8	439.9	0.5
Labour Force ('000)	250.0	247.2	252.0	2.0	263.0	262.3	264.4	1.4
Employment ('000)	202.6	202.3	206.7	4.1	218.6	219.0	223.3	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	47.4	44.9	45.3	(2.1)	44.4	43.2	41.1	(3.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.0	18.2	18.0	(1.0)	16.9	16.5	15.5	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	56.9	56.2	57.3	0.4	59.9	59.6	60.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	46.1	46.0	47.0	0.9	49.7	49.8	50.8	1.1

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.8	114.1	114.2	1.4	112.8	114.1	114.2	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	74.0	74.3	74.9	0.9	77.1	78.0	78.2	1.1
Employment ('000)	62.3	63.1	63.6	1.3	67.4	68.9	68.8	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	11.8	11.2	11.3	(0.5)	9.7	9.1	9.4	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.9	15.1	15.1	(0.8)	12.6	11.7	12.0	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.1	65.6	-	68.4	68.4	68.5	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.2	55.3	55.7	0.5	59.8	60.4	60.2	0.4

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.5	611.1	611.3	2.8	608.5	611.1	611.3	2.8
Labour Force ('000)	375.0	372.7	376.5	1.5	388.5	387.7	388.8	0.3
Employment ('000)	331.4	331.6	332.9	1.5	350.0	350.9	350.2	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	43.6	41.1	43.6	-	38.5	36.7	38.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.6	11.0	11.6	-	9.9	9.5	9.9	-
Participation Rate (%)	61.6	61.0	61.6	-	63.8	63.4	63.6	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	54.5	54.3	54.5	-	57.5	57.4	57.3	(0.2)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,065.4	6,123.6	6,128.4	63.0	6,065.4	6,123.6	6,128.4	63.0
Labour Force ('000)	3,938.6	3,977.7	3,984.9	46.3	3,987.6	4,037.6	4,033.0	45.4
Employment ('000)	3,557.9	3,597.1	3,615.3	57.4	3,629.9	3,681.6	3,686.1	56.2
Unemployed ('000)	380.7	380.6	369.6	(11.1)	357.7	356.0	346.9	(10.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	9.6	9.3	(0.4)	9.0	8.8	8.6	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	65.0	65.0	0.1	65.7	65.9	65.8	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	58.7	58.7	59.0	0.3	59.8	60.1	60.1	0.3

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,731.7	9,886.0	9,899.9	168.2	9,731.7	9,886.0	9,899.9	168.2
Labour Force ('000)	6,594.1	6,677.9	6,691.7	97.6	6,666.3	6,755.5	6,763.3	97.0
Employment ('000)	6,134.7	6,218.2	6,190.7	56.0	6,226.0	6,308.3	6,283.8	57.8
Unemployed ('000)	459.4	459.7	500.9	41.5	440.3	447.3	479.5	39.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.9	7.5	0.5	6.6	6.6	7.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	67.5	67.6	(0.2)	68.5	68.3	68.3	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	62.9	62.5	(0.5)	64.0	63.8	63.5	(0.5)

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	865.3	873.5	874.3	9.0	865.3	873.5	874.3	9.0
Labour Force ('000)	590.5	594.4	597.5	7.0	596.2	601.9	601.4	5.2
Employment ('000)	559.7	562.9	566.2	6.5	567.2	573.0	571.7	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	30.8	31.5	31.3	0.5	29.0	29.0	29.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.3	5.2	-	4.9	4.8	5.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	68.0	68.3	0.1	68.9	68.9	68.8	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	64.7	64.4	64.8	0.1	65.5	65.6	65.4	(0.1)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.7	756.9	757.0	0.3	756.7	756.9	757.0	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	506.8	508.4	510.1	3.3	516.4	517.8	518.8	2.4
Employment ('000)	477.1	477.0	477.3	0.2	487.1	488.4	487.5	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	29.7	31.4	32.8	3.1	29.3	29.3	31.4	2.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	6.2	6.4	0.5	5.7	5.7	6.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.2	67.4	0.4	68.2	68.4	68.5	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.0	63.1	-	64.4	64.5	64.4	-

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,456.5	2,500.6	2,504.2	47.7	2,456.5	2,500.6	2,504.2	47.7
Labour Force ('000)	1,776.0	1,819.8	1,820.1	44.1	1,790.5	1,842.9	1,837.6	47.1
Employment ('000)	1,680.2	1,722.4	1,725.3	45.1	1,697.8	1,747.7	1,746.0	48.2
Unemployed ('000)	95.8	97.4	94.8	(1.0)	92.7	95.1	91.6	(1.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	5.2	(0.2)	5.2	5.2	5.0	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	72.3	72.8	72.7	0.4	72.9	73.7	73.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	68.4	68.9	68.9	0.5	69.1	69.9	69.7	0.6

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,351.0	3,396.5	3,400.2	49.2	3,351.0	3,396.5	3,400.2	49.2
Labour Force ('000)	2,169.0	2,184.3	2,194.2	25.2	2,186.4	2,210.5	2,215.0	28.6
Employment ('000)	1,998.2	2,000.8	2,017.8	19.6	2,015.7	2,036.0	2,041.1	25.4
Unemployed ('000)	170.7	183.4	176.5	5.8	170.7	174.4	173.9	3.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	8.4	8.0	0.1	7.8	7.9	7.9	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.7	64.3	64.5	(0.2)	65.2	65.1	65.1	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	58.9	59.3	(0.3)	60.2	59.9	60.0	(0.2)

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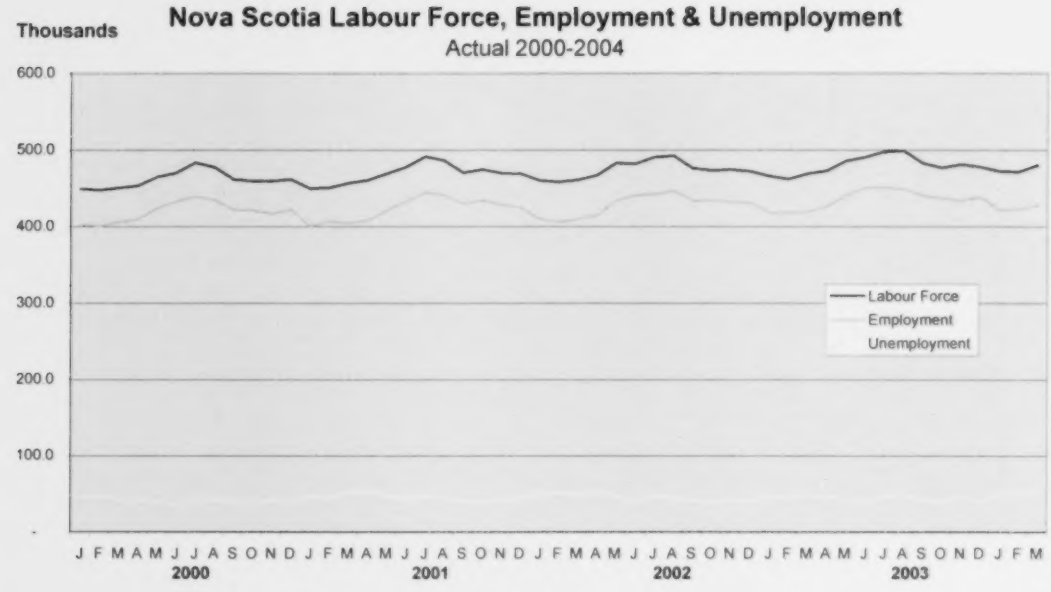
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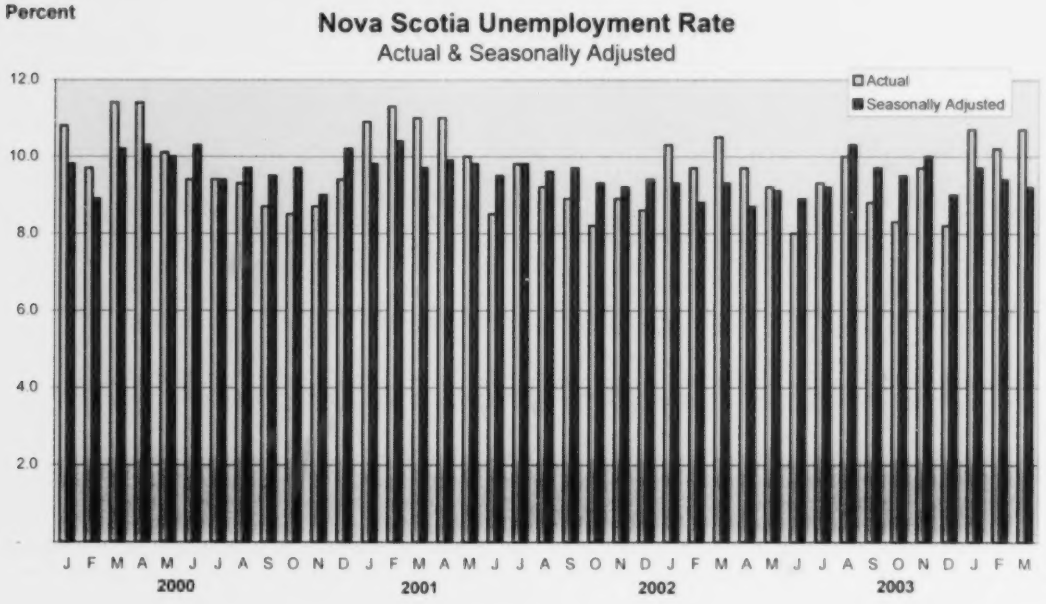
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	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,126.4	25,435.0	25,464.7	338.3	758.2	762.6	763.0	4.8
Labour Force ('000)	16,688.2	16,952.8	16,939.6	251.4	465.7	473.8	474.5	8.8
Employment ('000)	15,355.3	15,665.9	15,595.9	240.6	418.3	427.8	424.5	6.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,332.9	1,286.9	1,343.6	10.7	47.4	45.9	50.0	2.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.6	7.9	(0.1)	10.2	9.7	10.5	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.7	66.5	0.1	61.4	62.1	62.2	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	61.6	61.2	0.1	55.2	56.1	55.6	0.4

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.8	102.4	102.5	0.7	120.1	119.3	119.2	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	61.8	63.2	62.9	1.1	60.4	59.3	59.8	(0.6)
Employment ('000)	55.5	57.3	56.4	0.9	51.2	48.9	48.7	(2.5)
Unemployed ('000)	6.3	5.8	6.4	0.1	9.2	10.4	11.0	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	9.2	10.2	-	15.2	17.5	18.4	3.2
Participation Rate (%)	60.7	61.7	61.4	0.7	50.3	49.7	50.2	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	54.5	56.0	55.0	0.5	42.6	41.0	40.9	(1.7)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	298.8	302.9	303.3	4.5	286.8	290.8	291.2	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	202.7	207.6	208.5	5.8	197.1	200.8	201.7	4.6
Employment ('000)	186.6	193.9	193.3	6.7	181.5	187.8	187.4	5.9
Unemployed ('000)	16.0	13.7	15.2	(0.8)	15.6	13.0	14.3	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	6.6	7.3	(0.6)	7.9	6.5	7.1	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	68.5	68.7	0.9	68.7	69.1	69.3	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	62.4	64.0	63.7	1.3	63.3	64.6	64.4	1.1

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.4	133.4	0.2	104.3	104.6	104.6	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	79.1	79.9	80.5	1.4	61.7	63.7	62.9	1.2
Employment ('000)	70.7	71.0	70.9	0.2	54.4	56.7	55.0	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	8.4	8.9	9.6	1.2	7.4	7.0	7.8	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.6	11.1	11.9	1.3	12.0	11.0	12.4	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	59.4	59.9	60.3	0.9	59.2	60.9	60.1	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	53.1	53.2	53.1	-	52.2	54.2	52.6	0.4

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Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,694.3	15,914.4	15,901.1	206.8	12,735.5	12,975.4	12,978.3	242.8	2,958.9	2,939.0	2,922.9	(36.0)
Newfoundland and Labrador	218.6	219.0	223.3	4.7	183.2	186.7	187.4	4.2	35.4	32.3	36.0	0.6
Prince Edward Island	67.4	68.9	68.8	1.4	56.9	57.9	57.3	0.4	10.5	11.0	11.4	0.9
Nova Scotia	434.6	440.5	442.7	8.1	353.8	359.9	361.1	7.3	80.9	80.6	81.5	0.6
New Brunswick	350.0	350.9	350.2	0.2	293.1	295.9	294.9	1.8	56.9	55.1	55.3	(1.6)
Quebec	3,629.9	3,681.6	3,686.1	56.2	2,967.6	2,994.9	2,995.8	28.2	662.3	686.7	690.3	28.0
Ontario	6,226.0	6,308.3	6,283.8	57.8	5,083.4	5,183.5	5,167.4	84.0	1,142.6	1,124.8	1,116.4	(26.2)
Manitoba	567.2	573.0	571.7	4.5	451.6	462.9	464.1	12.5	115.6	110.0	107.5	(8.1)
Saskatchewan	487.1	488.4	487.5	0.4	395.9	396.4	392.9	(3.0)	91.2	92.1	94.6	3.4
Alberta	1,697.8	1,747.7	1,746.0	48.2	1,387.9	1,438.4	1,440.3	52.4	309.8	309.4	305.7	(4.1)
British Columbia	2,015.7	2,036.0	2,041.1	25.4	1,561.7	1,598.6	1,616.7	55.0	453.9	437.5	424.4	(29.5)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,424.0	15,598.7	15,624.2	200.2	12,347.7	12,523.7	12,605.2	257.5	3,076.3	3,075.0	3,019.0	(57.3)
Newfoundland and Labrador	202.6	202.3	206.7	4.1	165.1	168.9	168.5	3.4	37.6	33.4	38.2	0.6
Prince Edward Island	62.3	63.1	63.6	1.3	50.7	51.1	51.1	0.4	11.6	12.1	12.5	0.9
Nova Scotia	419.9	423.2	428.5	8.6	334.6	334.9	343.6	9.0	85.3	88.3	84.9	(0.4)
New Brunswick	331.4	331.6	332.9	1.5	272.5	273.6	274.9	2.4	59.0	58.0	58.0	(1.0)
Quebec	3,557.9	3,597.1	3,615.3	57.4	2,862.7	2,874.0	2,892.9	30.2	695.2	723.1	722.4	27.2
Ontario	6,134.7	6,218.2	6,190.7	56.0	4,960.1	5,046.5	5,050.1	90.0	1,174.6	1,171.7	1,140.6	(34.0)
Manitoba	559.7	562.9	566.2	6.5	438.0	445.5	453.6	15.6	121.7	117.4	112.6	(9.1)
Saskatchewan	477.1	477.0	477.3	0.2	381.1	379.7	378.2	(2.9)	96.0	97.3	99.1	3.1
Alberta	1,680.2	1,722.4	1,725.3	45.1	1,348.8	1,395.3	1,400.7	51.9	331.4	327.1	324.5	(6.9)
British Columbia	1,998.2	2,000.8	2,017.8	19.6	1,534.1	1,554.3	1,591.6	57.5	464.1	446.6	426.1	(38.0)

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,777.6	2,781.3	2,781.8	4.2	2,422.9	2,389.3	2,383.0	(39.9)	12.8	14.1	14.3	1.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	41.7	39.5	39.5	(2.2)	31.7	29.3	29.7	(2.0)	24.0	25.8	24.8	0.8
Prince Edward Island	14.2	13.3	13.6	(0.6)	11.7	11.2	11.5	(0.2)	17.6	15.8	15.4	(2.2)
Nova Scotia	83.3	81.7	84.2	0.9	71.0	69.4	70.4	(0.6)	14.9	15.1	16.4	1.5
New Brunswick	63.1	63.1	63.9	0.8	53.1	52.4	53.0	(0.1)	15.8	17.0	17.1	1.3
Quebec	646.9	636.2	632.0	(14.9)	554.3	539.7	538.7	(15.6)	14.3	15.2	14.8	0.5
Ontario	1,066.3	1,076.0	1,074.3	8.0	929.7	920.1	909.1	(20.6)	12.8	14.5	15.4	2.6
Manitoba	108.0	107.1	104.9	(3.1)	98.1	97.1	94.5	(3.6)	9.3	9.3	9.9	0.6
Saskatchewan	97.4	92.5	95.2	(2.2)	86.5	81.1	82.9	(3.6)	11.2	12.3	12.8	1.6
Alberta	320.2	331.1	329.8	9.6	290.9	298.9	298.8	7.9	9.2	9.7	9.4	0.2
British Columbia	336.3	340.7	344.3	8.0	295.8	290.0	294.4	(1.4)	12.0	14.9	14.5	2.5

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,611.5	2,600.5	2,611.8	0.3	2,268.3	2,213.8	2,225.5	(42.8)	13.1	14.9	14.8	1.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	35.8	34.3	34.1	(1.7)	27.0	25.0	25.6	(1.4)	24.6	27.1	24.9	0.3
Prince Edward Island	12.5	11.7	11.8	(0.7)	9.7	9.3	9.5	(0.2)	22.4	20.5	18.6	(3.8)
Nova Scotia	76.4	72.8	77.8	1.4	64.6	61.6	64.3	(0.3)	15.4	15.4	17.4	2.0
New Brunswick	56.4	56.1	57.6	1.2	46.3	45.5	46.7	0.4	17.9	18.9	18.9	1.0
Quebec	609.6	596.8	593.2	(16.4)	516.0	496.5	499.5	(16.5)	15.4	16.8	15.8	0.4
Ontario	1,003.1	1,006.4	1,011.4	8.3	873.7	856.4	853.0	(20.7)	12.9	14.9	15.7	2.8
Manitoba	104.0	100.7	100.6	(3.4)	93.3	90.4	89.6	(3.7)	10.3	10.2	10.9	0.6
Saskatchewan	89.8	85.9	88.4	(1.4)	80.5	74.9	77.2	(3.3)	10.5	12.8	12.6	2.1
Alberta	303.8	311.7	311.1	7.3	275.5	280.3	281.2	5.7	9.3	10.1	9.6	0.3
British Columbia	320.3	324.0	325.8	5.5	281.9	273.9	278.8	(3.1)	12.0	15.5	14.4	2.4

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**16,743.3**	**16,927.9**	**16,981.9**	**238.6**	**15,424.0**	**15,598.7**	**15,624.2**	**200.2**	**7.9**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**0.1**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,179.8**	**4,145.5**	**4,187.5**	**7.7**	**3,828.8**	**3,792.3**	**3,833.6**	**4.8**	**8.4**	**8.5**	**8.5**	**0.1**
Agriculture	345.1	336.1	342.1	(3.0)	319.2	310.1	322.3	3.1	7.5	7.8	5.8	(1.7)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	313.9	313.8	314.1	0.2	277.5	281.7	279.8	2.3	11.6	10.2	10.9	(0.7)
Utilities	134.6	128.2	134.0	(0.6)	131.5	123.7	130.3	(1.2)	2.2	3.5	2.8	0.6
Construction	967.7	984.1	989.4	21.7	840.3	853.1	859.7	19.4	13.2	13.3	13.1	(0.1)
Manufacturing	2,418.6	2,383.2	2,408.0	(10.6)	2,260.2	2,223.6	2,241.6	(18.6)	6.5	6.7	6.9	0.4
Services-Producing Sector	**12,179.0**	**12,414.2**	**12,402.0**	**223.0**	**11,595.3**	**11,806.5**	**11,790.6**	**195.3**	**4.8**	**4.9**	**4.9**	**0.1**
Trade	2,535.0	2,598.7	2,598.7	63.7	2,404.1	2,443.1	2,453.2	49.1	5.2	6.0	5.6	0.4
Transportation and Warehousing	789.3	834.7	836.7	47.4	749.5	798.7	796.4	46.9	5.0	4.3	4.8	(0.2)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	951.2	975.6	983.2	32.0	923.5	945.3	961.9	38.4	2.9	3.1	2.2	(0.7)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,050.9	1,052.9	1,057.6	6.7	1,006.7	1,014.5	1,020.0	13.3	4.2	3.6	3.6	(0.6)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	648.6	680.5	671.1	22.5	584.7	600.1	583.2	(1.5)	9.9	11.8	13.1	3.2
Educational Services	1,118.2	1,162.7	1,132.3	14.1	1,094.4	1,136.3	1,098.6	4.2	2.1	2.3	3.0	0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,689.8	1,753.1	1,758.1	68.3	1,656.0	1,714.0	1,724.6	68.6	2.0	2.2	1.9	(0.1)
Information, Culture and Recreation	718.4	746.5	733.9	15.5	658.1	704.1	684.9	26.8	8.4	5.7	6.7	(1.7)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,116.1	1,070.6	1,086.1	(30.0)	1,022.3	982.5	992.9	(29.4)	8.4	8.2	8.6	0.2
Other Services	749.7	709.9	709.9	(39.8)	712.7	667.5	671.0	(41.7)	4.9	6.0	5.5	0.6
Public Administration	811.8	829.0	834.4	22.6	783.5	800.3	804.0	20.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	0.1
Unclassified Industries	384.5	368.2	392.4	7.9	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**469.3**	**471.2**	**480.0**	**10.7**	**419.9**	**423.2**	**428.5**	**8.6**	**10.5**	**10.2**	**10.7**	**0.2**
Goods-Producing Sector	**107.0**	**103.8**	**104.6**	**(2.4)**	**89.5**	**87.1**	**86.7**	**(2.8)**	**16.4**	**16.1**	**17.1**	**0.7**
Agriculture	7.8	6.1	6.2	(1.6)	5.7	5.1	5.1	(0.6)	26.9	16.4	16.1	(10.8)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	17.2	17.4	16.3	(0.9)	14.1	14.2	12.6	(1.5)	18.0	18.4	22.7	4.7
Utilities	2.5	3.2	2.6	0.1	2.4	3.1	2.4	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	28.5	30.5	31.6	3.1	21.1	23.8	24.6	3.5	26.0	22.0	21.8	(4.2)
Manufacturing	51.0	46.6	48.0	(3.0)	46.3	41.0	41.9	(4.4)	9.0	12.0	12.7	3.7
Services-Producing Sector	**352.3**	**358.9**	**366.7**	**14.4**	**330.4**	**336.1**	**341.8**	**11.4**	**6.2**	**6.4**	**6.8**	**0.6**
Trade	78.8	80.6	84.2	5.4	73.7	73.6	77.4	3.7	6.5	8.6	8.0	1.5
Transportation and Warehousing	20.2	21.6	22.4	2.2	18.9	20.3	20.1	1.2	6.4	6.0	10.3	3.9
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	21.4	21.2	21.4	-	21.1	20.4	21.1	-	-	3.8	-	-
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.1	20.7	21.7	0.6	19.5	19.3	20.8	1.3	7.6	6.8	4.6	(3.0)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	24.3	27.8	28.3	4.0	20.9	25.5	25.5	4.6	13.6	8.6	9.5	(4.1)
Educational Services	36.6	36.4	36.7	0.1	34.4	35.2	33.9	(0.5)	6.0	3.3	7.6	1.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.4	56.5	55.3	1.9	51.7	55.4	53.5	1.8	3.2	1.9	3.3	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.1	16.8	19.3	3.2	15.2	15.4	16.7	1.5	5.6	8.3	13.0	7.4
Accommodation and Food Services	28.6	29.0	31.0	2.4	25.3	25.1	27.8	2.5	11.2	13.4	10.3	(0.9)
Other Services	24.3	20.1	18.9	(5.4)	23.1	18.3	18.2	(4.9)	4.9	8.5	3.7	(1.2)
Public Administration	27.6	28.2	27.6	-	26.4	27.6	26.7	0.3	4.3	2.1	3.3	(1.0)
Unclassified Industries	10.0	8.5	8.7	(1.3)	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change	Mar 2003	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	10.0	10.6	9.4	(0.6)	61.3	59.4	59.1	(2.2)	68.1	66.5	65.2	(2.9)
Halifax	**7.9**	**6.5**	**7.1**	**(0.8)**	**63.3**	**64.6**	**64.4**	**1.1**	**68.7**	**69.1**	**69.3**	**0.6**
Saint John, New Brunswick	10.2	8.2	9.2	(1.0)	59.4	58.4	58.8	(0.6)	66.1	63.7	64.8	(1.3)
Saguenay	12.1	13.7	13.6	1.5	52.0	54.8	55.2	3.2	59.2	63.5	63.9	4.7
Québec	8.7	7.6	7.4	(1.3)	60.3	58.5	58.9	(1.4)	66.0	63.3	63.6	(2.4)
Trois-Rivières	9.9	9.8	10.5	0.6	56.4	54.5	53.7	(2.7)	62.6	60.4	60.1	(2.5)
Sherbrooke	7.8	8.1	7.6	(0.2)	60.5	59.0	58.9	(1.6)	65.5	64.2	63.8	(1.7)
Montréal	9.5	8.9	9.0	(0.5)	61.3	61.4	60.9	(0.4)	67.7	67.4	66.9	(0.8)
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.1	6.7	6.7	(0.4)	65.4	65.2	64.9	(0.5)	70.3	69.9	69.6	(0.7)
Sudbury	8.6	8.8	8.4	(0.2)	55.9	58.3	58.7	2.8	61.0	63.9	64.0	3.0
Oshawa	5.2	4.9	5.5	0.3	68.0	68.8	68.0	-	71.7	72.3	72.0	0.3
Toronto	7.2	6.9	7.4	0.2	64.5	64.1	63.8	(0.7)	69.6	68.8	69.0	(0.6)
Hamilton	6.2	6.1	7.6	1.4	63.6	63.2	62.4	(1.2)	67.8	67.3	67.5	(0.3)
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.7	8.0	9.1	1.4	58.1	56.7	55.7	(2.4)	62.9	61.7	61.3	(1.6)
London	6.9	6.8	6.4	(0.5)	61.5	64.1	64.0	2.5	66.1	68.8	68.3	2.2
Windsor	8.2	7.9	8.0	(0.2)	61.7	60.5	59.8	(1.9)	67.2	65.6	65.1	(2.1)
Kitchener	6.5	5.5	5.9	(0.6)	65.5	65.4	65.0	(0.5)	70.0	69.2	69.1	(0.9)
Thunder Bay	5.5	7.6	7.5	2.0	64.7	60.7	60.5	(4.2)	68.5	65.7	65.4	(3.1)
Winnipeg	5.8	5.5	5.6	(0.2)	66.1	65.9	65.9	(0.2)	70.2	69.7	69.8	(0.4)
Regina	6.4	5.7	5.7	(0.7)	66.7	69.5	69.0	2.3	71.3	73.6	73.1	1.8
Saskatoon	6.2	6.5	7.3	1.1	64.7	63.7	63.1	(1.6)	69.0	68.3	68.1	(0.9)
Calgary	6.0	5.5	5.8	(0.2)	69.8	71.3	70.8	1.0	74.3	75.4	75.2	0.9
Edmonton	5.4	5.2	5.5	0.1	67.1	68.0	68.1	1.0	70.9	71.7	72.1	1.2
Vancouver	7.4	6.5	7.1	(0.3)	61.4	62.3	62.0	0.6	66.3	66.6	66.7	0.4
Victoria	6.0	5.4	5.4	(0.6)	58.7	59.1	59.0	0.3	62.5	62.5	62.3	(0.2)

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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive
and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

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January 2004	February 6, 2004
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June 2004	July 9, 2004
July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,178.1	25,492.9	25,524.1	346.0	25,178.1	25,492.9	25,524.1	346.0
Labour Force ('000)	16,819.2	16,981.9	17,030.4	211.2	16,983.1	17,188.1	17,205.0	221.9
Employment ('000)	15,478.7	15,624.2	15,735.7	257.0	15,689.1	15,901.1	15,950.7	261.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,340.5	1,357.6	1,294.7	(45.8)	1,294.0	1,287.0	1,254.3	(39.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.0	7.6	(0.4)	7.6	7.5	7.3	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	66.6	66.7	(0.1)	67.5	67.4	67.4	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	61.5	61.3	61.7	0.2	62.3	62.4	62.5	0.2

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	759.0	763.4	763.7	4.7	759.0	763.4	763.7	4.7
Labour Force ('000)	473.0	480.0	483.4	10.4	480.1	487.6	489.3	9.2
Employment ('000)	427.2	428.5	435.2	8.0	438.2	442.7	445.5	7.3
Unemployed ('000)	45.8	51.5	48.2	2.4	41.9	44.9	43.8	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	10.7	10.0	0.3	8.7	9.2	9.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	62.3	62.9	63.3	1.0	63.3	63.9	64.1	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	56.3	56.1	57.0	0.7	57.7	58.0	58.3	0.6

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.4	439.9	439.9	0.5	439.4	439.9	439.9	0.5
Labour Force ('000)	254.9	252.0	254.9	-	262.2	264.4	262.4	0.2
Employment ('000)	205.1	206.7	206.8	1.7	217.7	223.3	219.3	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	49.8	45.3	48.1	(1.7)	44.5	41.1	43.2	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.5	18.0	18.9	(0.6)	17.0	15.5	16.5	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	58.0	57.3	57.9	(0.1)	59.7	60.1	59.6	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	46.7	47.0	47.0	0.3	49.5	50.8	49.9	0.4

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.0	114.2	114.3	1.3	113.0	114.2	114.3	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	75.9	74.9	76.6	0.7	77.3	78.2	77.6	0.3
Employment ('000)	63.3	63.6	63.2	(0.1)	67.8	68.8	67.9	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	12.7	11.3	13.4	0.7	9.6	9.4	9.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.7	15.1	17.5	0.8	12.4	12.0	12.6	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	65.6	67.0	(0.2)	68.4	68.5	67.9	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	56.0	55.7	55.3	(0.7)	60.0	60.2	59.4	(0.6)

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.6	611.3	611.6	3.0	608.6	611.3	611.6	3.0
Labour Force ('000)	377.5	376.5	379.3	1.8	385.7	388.8	387.5	1.8
Employment ('000)	330.4	332.9	333.5	3.1	345.3	350.2	348.6	3.3
Unemployed ('000)	47.1	43.6	45.8	(1.3)	40.4	38.6	38.9	(1.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.5	11.6	12.1	(0.4)	10.5	9.9	10.0	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	62.0	61.6	62.0	-	63.4	63.6	63.4	-
Employment Rate (%)	54.3	54.5	54.5	0.2	56.7	57.3	57.0	0.3

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,070.9	6,128.4	6,134.7	63.8	6,070.9	6,128.4	6,134.7	63.8
Labour Force ('000)	3,983.7	3,984.9	4,032.2	48.5	4,007.2	4,033.0	4,055.4	48.2
Employment ('000)	3,595.5	3,615.3	3,673.0	77.5	3,643.1	3,686.1	3,714.5	71.4
Unemployed ('000)	388.2	369.6	359.2	(29.0)	364.1	346.9	340.9	(23.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	9.3	8.9	(0.8)	9.1	8.6	8.4	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.0	65.7	0.1	66.0	65.8	66.1	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	59.2	59.0	59.9	0.7	60.0	60.1	60.5	0.5

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,747.5	9,899.9	9,914.7	167.2	9,747.5	9,899.9	9,914.7	167.2
Labour Force ('000)	6,591.1	6,691.7	6,683.6	92.5	6,664.8	6,763.3	6,760.6	95.8
Employment ('000)	6,142.9	6,190.7	6,230.5	87.6	6,204.4	6,283.8	6,298.1	93.7
Unemployed ('000)	448.2	500.9	453.1	4.9	460.5	479.5	462.5	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.5	6.8	-	6.9	7.1	6.8	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	67.6	67.4	(0.2)	68.4	68.3	68.2	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	62.5	62.8	(0.2)	63.7	63.5	63.5	(0.2)

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	866.2	874.3	875.2	9.0	866.2	874.3	875.2	9.0
Labour Force ('000)	592.8	597.5	603.8	11.0	596.8	601.4	606.8	10.0
Employment ('000)	564.4	566.2	568.7	4.3	570.5	571.7	574.2	3.7
Unemployed ('000)	28.5	31.3	35.1	6.6	26.3	29.8	32.6	6.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.2	5.8	1.0	4.4	5.0	5.4	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.3	69.0	0.6	68.9	68.8	69.3	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	64.8	65.0	(0.2)	65.9	65.4	65.6	(0.3)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.3	757.0	757.3	1.0	756.3	757.0	757.3	1.0
Labour Force ('000)	508.2	510.1	513.2	5.0	515.0	518.8	521.6	6.6
Employment ('000)	477.2	477.3	483.0	5.8	487.3	487.5	493.5	6.2
Unemployed ('000)	31.0	32.8	30.2	(0.8)	27.7	31.4	28.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.4	5.9	(0.2)	5.4	6.1	5.4	-
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.4	67.8	0.6	68.1	68.5	68.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.1	63.8	0.7	64.4	64.4	65.2	0.8

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,461.6	2,504.2	2,508.2	46.6	2,461.6	2,504.2	2,508.2	46.6
Labour Force ('000)	1,786.7	1,820.1	1,813.7	27.0	1,802.7	1,837.6	1,834.5	31.8
Employment ('000)	1,678.9	1,725.3	1,725.0	46.1	1,703.7	1,746.0	1,751.1	47.4
Unemployed ('000)	107.8	94.8	88.7	(19.1)	99.0	91.6	83.4	(15.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.2	4.9	(1.1)	5.5	5.0	4.5	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	72.6	72.7	72.3	(0.3)	73.2	73.4	73.1	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	68.2	68.9	68.8	0.6	69.2	69.7	69.8	0.6

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,355.7	3,400.2	3,404.5	48.8	3,355.7	3,400.2	3,404.5	48.8
Labour Force ('000)	2,175.4	2,194.2	2,189.8	14.4	2,191.3	2,215.0	2,209.1	17.8
Employment ('000)	1,993.9	2,017.8	2,016.8	22.9	2,011.3	2,041.1	2,037.9	26.6
Unemployed ('000)	181.5	176.5	173.0	(8.5)	180.0	173.9	171.2	(8.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.0	7.9	(0.4)	8.2	7.9	7.7	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	64.8	64.5	64.3	(0.5)	65.3	65.1	64.9	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	59.4	59.3	59.2	(0.2)	59.9	60.0	59.9	-

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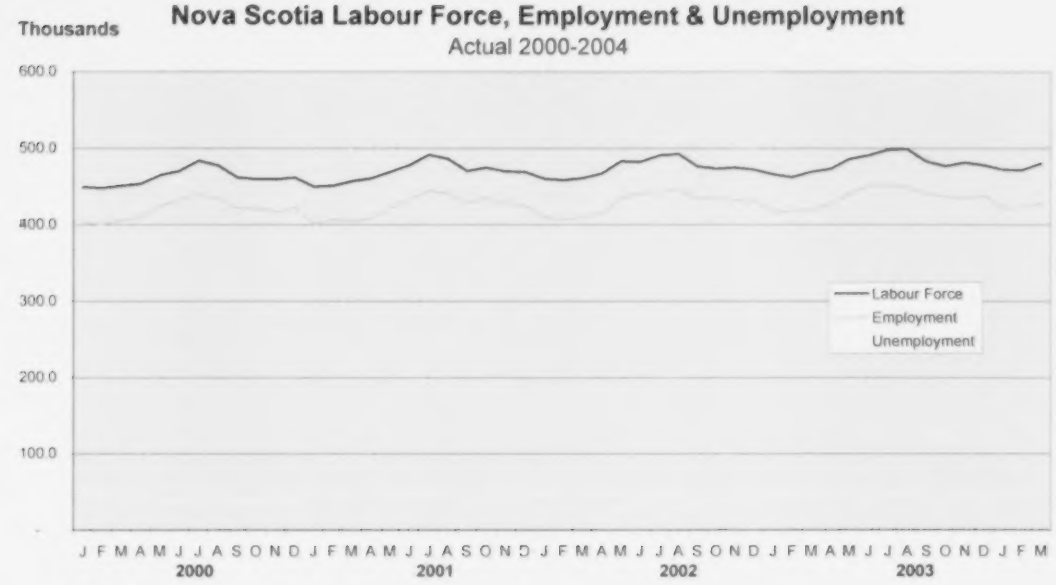
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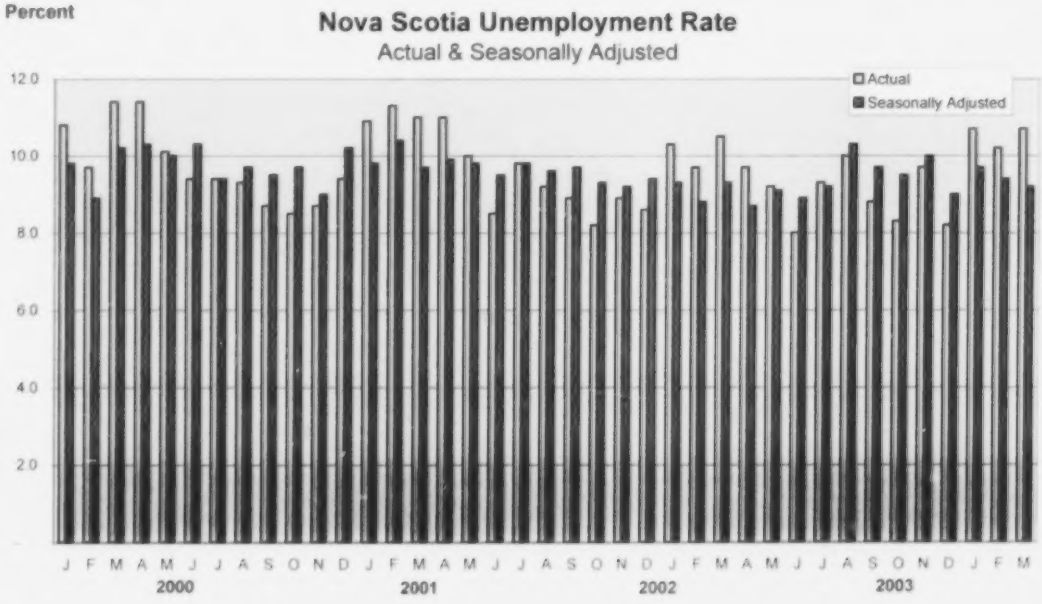

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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,149.7	25,464.7	25,494.1	344.4	758.6	763.0	763.4	4.8
Labour Force ('000)	16,757.5	16,939.6	16,980.1	222.6	468.2	474.5	478.2	10.0
Employment ('000)	15,426.1	15,595.9	15,652.9	226.8	421.5	424.5	429.0	7.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,331.4	1,343.6	1,327.2	(4.2)	46.7	50.0	49.2	2.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.9	7.8	(0.1)	10.0	10.5	10.3	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.5	66.6	-	61.7	62.2	62.6	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	61.2	61.4	0.1	55.6	55.6	56.2	0.6

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.9	102.5	102.5	0.6	120.0	119.2	119.1	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	62.1	62.9	63.0	0.9	60.9	59.8	62.1	1.2
Employment ('000)	55.9	56.4	55.9	-	51.2	48.7	51.4	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	6.1	6.4	7.1	1.0	9.7	11.0	10.7	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	10.2	11.3	1.5	15.9	18.4	17.2	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	60.9	61.4	61.5	0.6	50.8	50.2	52.1	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	54.9	55.0	54.5	(0.4)	42.7	40.9	43.2	0.5

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	299.2	303.3	303.6	4.4	287.2	291.2	291.5	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	202.4	208.5	210.0	7.6	196.9	201.7	203.4	6.5
Employment ('000)	187.5	193.3	195.4	7.9	182.3	187.4	189.6	7.3
Unemployed ('000)	15.0	15.2	14.6	(0.4)	14.6	14.3	13.7	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.3	7.0	(0.4)	7.4	7.1	6.7	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	68.7	69.2	1.6	68.6	69.3	69.8	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	62.7	63.7	64.4	1.7	63.5	64.4	65.0	1.5

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.4	133.4	0.2	104.3	104.6	104.7	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	79.8	80.5	80.2	0.4	62.9	62.9	62.8	(0.1)
Employment ('000)	71.5	70.9	71.1	(0.4)	55.3	55.0	55.2	(0.1)
Unemployed ('000)	8.3	9.6	9.1	0.8	7.5	7.8	7.7	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.4	11.9	11.3	0.9	11.9	12.4	12.3	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	59.9	60.3	60.1	0.2	60.3	60.1	60.0	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	53.7	53.1	53.3	(0.4)	53.0	52.6	52.7	(0.3)

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,689.1	15,901.1	15,950.7	261.6	12,752.9	12,978.3	13,033.9	281.0	2,936.3	2,922.9	2,916.7	(19.6)
Newfoundland and Labrador	217.7	223.3	219.3	1.6	180.8	187.4	187.5	6.7	36.8	36.0	31.8	(5.0)
Prince Edward Island	67.8	68.8	67.9	0.1	57.1	57.3	56.4	(0.7)	10.7	11.4	11.5	0.8
Nova Scotia	438.2	442.7	445.5	7.3	355.5	361.1	361.7	6.2	82.7	81.5	83.8	1.1
New Brunswick	345.3	350.2	348.6	3.3	291.9	294.9	294.4	2.5	53.4	55.3	54.2	0.8
Quebec	3,643.1	3,686.1	3,714.5	71.4	2,977.9	2,995.8	3,040.1	62.2	665.2	690.3	674.4	9.2
Ontario	6,204.4	6,283.8	6,298.1	93.7	5,072.6	5,167.4	5,185.2	112.6	1,131.8	1,116.4	1,113.0	(18.8)
Manitoba	570.5	571.7	574.2	3.7	456.0	464.1	463.6	7.6	114.4	107.5	110.5	(3.9)
Saskatchewan	487.3	487.5	493.5	6.2	390.5	392.9	397.5	7.0	96.8	94.6	96.0	(0.8)
Alberta	1,703.7	1,746.0	1,751.1	47.4	1,404.6	1,440.3	1,439.6	35.0	299.2	305.7	311.6	12.4
British Columbia	2,011.3	2,041.1	2,037.9	26.6	1,565.9	1,616.7	1,607.9	42.0	445.4	424.4	430.0	(15.4)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,478.7	15,624.2	15,735.7	257.0	12,479.9	12,605.2	12,767.9	288.0	2,998.8	3,019.0	2,967.8	(31.0)
Newfoundland and Labrador	205.1	206.7	206.8	1.7	167.7	168.5	174.9	7.2	37.4	38.2	31.9	(5.5)
Prince Edward Island	63.3	63.6	63.2	(0.1)	52.2	51.1	51.3	(0.9)	11.1	12.5	11.9	0.8
Nova Scotia	427.2	428.5	435.2	8.0	344.6	343.6	351.6	7.0	82.6	84.9	83.6	1.0
New Brunswick	330.4	332.9	333.5	3.1	275.3	274.9	277.7	2.4	55.1	58.0	55.8	0.7
Quebec	3,595.5	3,615.3	3,673.0	77.5	2,905.3	2,892.9	2,974.1	68.8	690.2	722.4	698.9	8.7
Ontario	6,142.9	6,190.7	6,230.5	87.6	4,997.9	5,050.1	5,112.0	114.1	1,145.0	1,140.6	1,118.5	(26.5)
Manitoba	564.4	566.2	568.7	4.3	446.4	453.6	455.8	9.4	117.9	112.6	112.9	(5.0)
Saskatchewan	477.2	477.3	483.0	5.8	379.5	378.2	386.2	6.7	97.7	99.1	96.8	(0.9)
Alberta	1,678.9	1,725.3	1,725.0	46.1	1,367.7	1,400.7	1,400.8	33.1	311.2	324.5	324.2	13.0
British Columbia	1,993.9	2,017.8	2,016.8	22.9	1,543.3	1,591.6	1,583.5	40.2	450.6	426.1	433.3	(17.3)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,784.0	2,781.8	2,792.8	8.8	2,404.7	2,383.0	2,403.6	(1.1)	13.6	14.3	13.9	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	41.8	39.5	39.2	(2.6)	31.3	29.7	29.1	(2.2)	25.1	24.8	25.8	0.7
Prince Edward Island	14.1	13.6	12.9	(1.2)	11.9	11.5	10.7	(1.2)	15.6	15.4	17.1	1.5
Nova Scotia	82.7	84.2	81.4	(1.3)	70.3	70.4	69.0	(1.3)	15.0	16.4	15.4	0.4
New Brunswick	63.3	63.9	61.6	(1.7)	52.2	53.0	50.8	(1.4)	17.5	17.1	17.5	-
Quebec	641.7	632.0	648.3	6.6	551.8	538.7	547.5	(4.3)	14.0	14.8	15.5	1.5
Ontario	1,066.9	1,074.3	1,072.9	6.0	913.6	909.1	922.2	8.6	14.4	15.4	14.0	(0.4)
Manitoba	107.3	104.9	109.1	1.8	98.1	94.5	96.2	(1.9)	8.6	9.9	11.8	3.2
Saskatchewan	95.3	95.2	97.9	2.6	86.6	82.9	87.7	1.1	9.1	12.8	10.4	1.3
Alberta	329.1	329.8	328.1	(1.0)	297.3	298.8	300.0	2.7	9.7	9.4	8.6	(1.1)
British Columbia	341.7	344.3	341.3	(0.4)	291.7	294.4	290.4	(1.3)	14.6	14.5	14.9	0.3

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,624.9	2,611.8	2,631.3	6.4	2,252.7	2,225.5	2,249.4	(3.3)	14.2	14.8	14.5	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	37.0	34.1	34.6	(2.4)	27.1	25.6	25.3	(1.8)	26.5	24.9	27.2	0.7
Prince Edward Island	12.7	11.8	11.8	(0.9)	10.1	9.5	9.0	(1.1)	20.5	18.6	23.7	3.2
Nova Scotia	76.7	77.8	75.7	(1.0)	64.3	64.3	63.2	(1.1)	16.2	17.4	16.5	0.3
New Brunswick	57.9	57.6	55.8	(2.1)	46.5	46.7	44.7	(1.8)	19.5	18.9	19.9	0.4
Quebec	605.4	593.2	613.4	8.0	517.9	499.5	513.7	(4.2)	14.4	15.8	16.3	1.9
Ontario	1,000.0	1,011.4	1,003.8	3.8	850.4	853.0	858.6	8.2	15.0	15.7	14.5	(0.5)
Manitoba	102.4	100.6	104.5	2.1	92.8	89.6	90.8	(2.0)	9.4	10.9	13.1	3.7
Saskatchewan	89.0	88.4	90.9	1.9	79.8	77.2	80.6	0.8	10.3	12.6	11.3	1.0
Alberta	313.3	311.1	312.0	(1.3)	281.0	281.2	283.6	2.6	10.3	9.6	9.1	(1.2)
British Columbia	330.7	325.8	328.7	(2.0)	282.7	278.8	280.0	(2.7)	14.5	14.4	14.8	0.3

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**16,819.2**	**16,981.9**	**17,030.4**	**211.2**	**15,478.7**	**15,624.2**	**15,735.7**	**257.0**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,205.0**	**4,187.5**	**4,225.5**	**19.5**	**3,856.4**	**3,833.6**	**3,891.0**	**34.6**	**8.3**	**8.5**	**7.9**	**(0.4)**
Agriculture	354.1	342.1	356.6	2.5	329.9	322.3	336.2	6.3	6.8	5.8	5.7	(1.1)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	309.0	314.1	315.5	6.5	260.1	279.8	270.6	10.5	15.8	10.9	14.2	(1.6)
Utilities	136.4	134.0	133.8	(2.6)	132.4	130.3	130.0	(2.4)	2.9	2.8	2.8	(0.1)
Construction	977.2	989.4	1,017.8	40.6	863.0	859.7	896.8	33.8	11.7	13.1	11.9	0.2
Manufacturing	2,429.3	2,408.0	2,401.8	(27.5)	2,271.0	2,241.6	2,257.4	(13.6)	6.5	6.9	6.0	(0.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,229.7**	**12,402.0**	**12,400.3**	**170.6**	**11,622.3**	**11,790.6**	**11,844.8**	**222.5**	**5.0**	**4.9**	**4.5**	**(0.5)**
Trade	2,565.8	2,598.7	2,573.0	7.2	2,432.3	2,453.2	2,445.5	13.2	5.2	5.6	5.0	(0.2)
Transportation and Warehousing	788.0	836.7	832.0	44.0	749.2	796.4	796.2	47.0	4.9	4.8	4.3	(0.6)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	966.2	983.2	996.0	29.8	939.2	961.9	977.6	38.4	2.8	2.2	1.8	(1.0)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,046.5	1,057.6	1,040.5	(6.0)	999.2	1,020.0	1,008.7	9.5	4.5	3.6	3.0	(1.5)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	669.9	671.1	676.1	6.2	596.0	583.2	607.8	11.8	11.0	13.1	10.1	(0.9)
Educational Services	1,112.6	1,132.3	1,107.0	(5.6)	1,087.5	1,098.6	1,075.7	(11.8)	2.3	3.0	2.8	0.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,673.4	1,758.1	1,782.3	108.9	1,639.9	1,724.6	1,743.9	104.0	2.0	1.9	2.2	0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	719.6	733.9	739.6	20.0	656.6	684.9	689.6	33.0	8.8	6.7	6.8	(2.0)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,113.6	1,086.1	1,093.9	(19.7)	1,008.9	992.9	1,002.8	(6.1)	9.4	8.6	8.3	(1.1)
Other Services	748.0	709.9	732.9	(15.1)	713.7	671.0	693.0	(20.7)	4.6	5.5	5.4	0.8
Public Administration	826.0	834.4	827.1	1.1	799.6	804.0	804.0	4.4	3.2	3.6	2.8	(0.4)
Unclassified Industries	383.5	392.4	404.7	21.2	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**473.0**	**480.0**	**483.4**	**10.4**	**427.2**	**428.5**	**435.2**	**8.0**	**9.7**	**10.7**	**10.0**	**0.3**
Goods-Producing Sector	**110.2**	**104.6**	**108.3**	**(1.9)**	**95.4**	**86.7**	**91.0**	**(4.4)**	**13.4**	**17.1**	**15.9**	**2.5**
Agriculture	8.2	6.2	6.5	(1.7)	6.5	5.1	5.3	(1.2)	20.7	16.1	18.5	(2.2)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.4	16.3	17.8	(0.6)	15.2	12.6	14.6	(0.6)	17.4	22.7	18.5	1.1
Utilities	3.3	2.6	2.6	(0.7)	3.0	2.4	2.6	(0.4)	-	-	-	-
Construction	27.5	31.6	32.4	4.9	23.4	24.6	25.4	2.0	14.9	21.8	21.3	6.4
Manufacturing	52.8	48.0	48.9	(3.9)	47.2	41.9	43.1	(4.1)	10.4	12.7	11.9	1.5
Services-Producing Sector	**362.6**	**366.7**	**364.2**	**11.6**	**331.9**	**341.8**	**344.2**	**12.3**	**8.9**	**6.8**	**5.5**	**(0.4)**
Trade	78.7	84.2	82.0	3.3	73.8	77.4	77.4	3.6	6.2	8.0	5.6	(0.6)
Transportation and Warehousing	19.5	22.4	20.0	0.5	17.9	20.1	18.2	0.3	8.2	10.3	9.0	0.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.5	21.4	20.8	(1.7)	22.1	21.1	20.4	(1.7)	-	-	-	-
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18.6	21.7	21.2	2.6	17.6	20.8	20.2	2.6	4.8	4.6	4.7	(0.1)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	24.2	28.3	27.6	3.4	21.5	25.5	25.1	3.6	11.2	9.5	9.1	(2.1)
Educational Services	36.8	36.7	38.6	1.8	36.2	33.9	36.6	0.4	1.9	7.6	5.4	3.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	54.5	55.3	56.1	1.6	52.6	53.5	54.6	2.0	3.5	3.3	2.7	(0.8)
Information, Culture and Recreation	16.3	19.3	20.2	3.9	14.8	16.7	18.2	3.4	9.2	13.0	9.9	0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	30.8	31.0	31.4	0.6	26.9	27.8	28.7	1.8	12.7	10.3	8.9	(3.8)
Other Services	23.5	18.9	19.2	(4.3)	22.3	18.2	18.2	(4.1)	4.7	3.7	5.2	0.5
Public Administration	27.2	27.6	27.1	(0.1)	26.2	26.7	26.7	0.5	3.7	3.3	-	(3.7)
Unclassified Industries	10.3	8.7	11.0	0.7	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change	Apr 2003	Mar 2004	Apr 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.3	9.4	8.3	(1.0)	62.3	59.1	59.7	(2.6)	68.6	65.2	65.2	(3.4)
Halifax	**7.4**	**7.1**	**6.7**	**(0.7)**	**63.5**	**64.4**	**65.0**	**1.5**	**68.6**	**69.3**	**69.8**	**1.2**
Saint John, New Brunswick	10.6	9.2	9.1	(1.5)	58.6	58.8	59.2	0.6	65.6	64.8	65.1	(0.5)
Saguenay	12.8	13.6	12.6	(0.2)	52.1	55.2	55.8	3.7	59.8	63.9	63.9	4.1
Québec	8.3	7.4	7.5	(0.8)	61.3	58.9	60.1	(1.2)	66.8	63.6	65.0	(1.8)
Trois-Rivières	10.2	10.5	11.0	0.8	56.3	53.7	54.0	(2.3)	62.8	60.1	60.7	(2.1)
Sherbrooke	7.3	7.6	7.3	-	60.3	58.9	60.0	(0.3)	65.1	63.8	64.7	(0.4)
Montréal	9.7	9.0	8.6	(1.1)	61.1	60.9	61.4	0.3	67.7	66.9	67.2	(0.5)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.5	6.7	6.6	0.1	66.1	64.9	64.8	(1.3)	70.8	69.6	69.4	(1.4)
Sudbury	8.0	8.4	8.4	0.4	57.2	58.7	58.7	1.5	62.1	64.0	64.1	2.0
Oshawa	5.2	5.5	5.7	0.5	68.6	68.0	67.8	(0.8)	72.3	72.0	71.8	(0.5)
Toronto	7.3	7.4	7.4	0.1	64.6	63.8	64.2	(0.4)	69.7	69.0	69.3	(0.4)
Hamilton	5.6	7.6	8.0	2.4	63.3	62.4	62.2	(1.1)	67.0	67.5	67.6	0.6
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.2	9.1	8.9	1.7	58.2	55.7	55.5	(2.7)	62.8	61.3	60.9	(1.9)
London	7.1	6.4	6.0	(1.1)	61.6	64.0	64.3	2.7	66.3	68.3	68.5	2.2
Windsor	8.3	8.0	8.0	(0.3)	61.4	59.8	59.9	(1.5)	66.9	65.1	65.1	(1.8)
Kitchener	6.4	5.9	5.8	(0.6)	65.5	65.0	65.0	(0.5)	70.0	69.1	69.0	(1.0)
Thunder Bay	6.1	7.5	7.5	1.4	63.9	60.5	60.5	(3.4)	68.1	65.4	65.4	(2.7)
Winnipeg	5.5	5.6	5.4	(0.1)	66.3	65.9	66.3	-	70.2	69.8	70.1	(0.1)
Regina	5.8	5.7	5.3	(0.5)	66.7	69.0	69.1	2.4	70.8	73.1	72.9	2.1
Saskatoon	6.2	7.3	7.2	1.0	65.0	63.1	63.4	(1.6)	69.2	68.1	68.2	(1.0)
Calgary	5.8	5.8	5.6	(0.2)	70.0	70.8	70.8	0.8	74.3	75.2	75.0	0.7
Edmonton	5.5	5.5	5.2	(0.3)	67.2	68.1	68.5	1.3	71.1	72.1	72.3	1.2
Vancouver	7.3	7.1	7.3	-	61.7	62.0	61.7	-	66.5	66.7	66.6	0.1
Victoria	5.8	5.4	4.4	(1.4)	58.9	59.0	59.8	0.9	62.4	62.3	62.5	0.1

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive
and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

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Data for:	Release date:
January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
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July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,206.3	25,524.1	25,555.1	348.8	25,206.3	25,524.1	25,555.1	348.8
Labour Force ('000)	17,178.2	17,030.4	17,395.6	217.4	17,021.5	17,205.0	17,247.0	225.5
Employment ('000)	15,799.6	15,735.7	16,117.7	318.1	15,682.1	15,950.7	16,006.8	324.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,378.6	1,294.7	1,277.9	(100.7)	1,339.3	1,254.3	1,240.2	(99.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.6	7.3	(0.7)	7.9	7.3	7.2	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	66.7	68.1	(0.1)	67.5	67.4	67.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	62.7	61.7	63.1	0.4	62.2	62.5	62.6	0.4

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	759.4	763.7	763.9	4.5	759.4	763.7	763.9	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	485.7	483.4	499.9	14.2	480.1	489.3	492.9	12.8
Employment ('000)	440.9	435.2	454.8	13.9	436.5	445.5	449.2	12.7
Unemployed ('000)	44.8	48.2	45.1	0.3	43.6	43.8	43.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	10.0	9.0	(0.2)	9.1	9.0	8.9	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	63.3	65.4	1.4	63.2	64.1	64.5	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	58.1	57.0	59.5	1.4	57.5	58.3	58.8	1.3

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.2	439.9	439.7	0.5	439.2	439.9	439.7	0.5
Labour Force ('000)	267.7	254.9	274.4	6.7	260.6	262.4	266.5	5.9
Employment ('000)	220.5	206.8	225.3	4.8	218.1	219.3	222.6	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	47.2	48.1	49.1	1.9	42.6	43.2	43.9	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.6	18.9	17.9	0.3	16.3	16.5	16.5	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	61.0	57.9	62.4	1.4	59.3	59.6	60.6	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	50.2	47.0	51.2	1.0	49.7	49.9	50.6	0.9

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.2	114.3	114.6	1.4	113.2	114.3	114.6	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	79.6	76.6	80.7	1.1	77.2	77.6	78.8	1.6
Employment ('000)	71.4	63.2	71.9	0.5	68.0	67.9	68.9	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	8.2	13.4	8.8	0.6	9.2	9.8	9.9	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	17.5	10.9	0.6	11.9	12.6	12.6	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	67.0	70.4	0.1	68.2	67.9	68.8	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	55.3	62.7	(0.4)	60.1	59.4	60.1	-

Population is for those 15 years of age and over
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	609.0	611.6	612.1	3.1	609.0	611.6	612.1	3.1
Labour Force ('000)	390.4	379.3	399.1	8.7	383.2	387.5	391.6	8.4
Employment ('000)	338.9	333.5	354.6	15.7	337.3	348.6	352.5	15.2
Unemployed ('000)	51.5	45.8	44.5	(7.0)	45.8	38.9	39.1	(6.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.2	12.1	11.2	(2.0)	12.0	10.0	10.0	(2.0)
Participation Rate (%)	64.1	62.0	65.2	1.1	62.9	63.4	64.0	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	54.5	57.9	2.3	55.4	57.0	57.6	2.2

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,075.1	6,134.7	6,140.4	65.3	6,075.1	6,134.7	6,140.4	65.3
Labour Force ('000)	4,042.8	4,032.2	4,058.8	16.0	4,006.2	4,055.4	4,028.9	22.7
Employment ('000)	3,663.6	3,673.0	3,739.8	76.2	3,632.8	3,714.5	3,708.0	75.2
Unemployed ('000)	379.2	359.2	318.9	(60.3)	373.4	340.9	320.9	(52.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	8.9	7.9	(1.5)	9.3	8.4	8.0	(1.3)
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	65.7	66.1	(0.4)	65.9	66.1	65.6	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	60.3	59.9	60.9	0.6	59.8	60.5	60.4	0.6

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,762.1	9,914.7	9,929.5	167.4	9,762.1	9,914.7	9,929.5	167.4
Labour Force ('000)	6,748.1	6,683.6	6,863.5	115.4	6,688.5	6,760.6	6,801.7	113.2
Employment ('000)	6,251.3	6,230.5	6,366.9	115.6	6,209.2	6,298.1	6,328.9	119.7
Unemployed ('000)	496.8	453.1	496.6	(0.2)	479.3	462.5	472.8	(6.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	6.8	7.2	(0.2)	7.2	6.8	7.0	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	67.4	69.1	-	68.5	68.2	68.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	62.8	64.1	0.1	63.6	63.5	63.7	0.1

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	866.8	875.2	876.1	9.3	866.8	875.2	876.1	9.3
Labour Force ('000)	602.4	603.8	610.9	8.5	599.0	606.8	607.8	8.8
Employment ('000)	577.3	568.7	581.1	3.8	571.8	574.2	575.8	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.1	35.1	29.9	4.8	27.1	32.6	32.0	4.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.2	5.8	4.9	0.7	4.5	5.4	5.3	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	69.0	69.7	0.2	69.1	69.3	69.4	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	65.0	66.3	(0.3)	66.0	65.6	65.7	(0.3)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.9	757.3	757.4	1.5	755.9	757.3	757.4	1.5
Labour Force ('000)	524.1	513.2	523.3	(0.8)	516.1	521.6	516.5	0.4
Employment ('000)	493.7	483.0	497.4	3.7	487.8	493.5	491.7	3.9
Unemployed ('000)	30.4	30.2	25.9	(4.5)	28.3	28.1	24.8	(3.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	5.9	4.9	(0.9)	5.5	5.4	4.8	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	67.8	69.1	(0.2)	68.3	68.9	68.2	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	63.8	65.7	0.4	64.5	65.2	64.9	0.4

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,465.9	2,508.2	2,512.2	46.3	2,465.9	2,508.2	2,512.2	46.3
Labour Force ('000)	1,832.1	1,813.7	1,847.0	14.9	1,816.6	1,834.5	1,835.7	19.1
Employment ('000)	1,726.4	1,725.0	1,763.7	37.3	1,716.2	1,751.1	1,756.1	39.9
Unemployed ('000)	105.7	88.7	83.4	(22.3)	100.5	83.4	79.6	(20.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	4.9	4.5	(1.3)	5.5	4.5	4.3	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	74.3	72.3	73.5	(0.8)	73.7	73.1	73.1	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	70.0	68.8	70.2	0.2	69.6	69.8	69.9	0.3

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,359.8	3,404.5	3,409.2	49.4	3,359.8	3,404.5	3,409.2	49.4
Labour Force ('000)	2,205.2	2,189.8	2,238.0	32.8	2,193.9	2,209.1	2,226.6	32.7
Employment ('000)	2,015.6	2,016.8	2,062.2	46.6	2,004.4	2,037.9	2,053.1	48.7
Unemployed ('000)	189.6	173.0	175.8	(13.8)	189.6	171.2	173.5	(16.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	7.9	7.9	(0.7)	8.6	7.7	7.8	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	64.3	65.6	-	65.3	64.9	65.3	-
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	59.2	60.5	0.5	59.7	59.9	60.2	0.5

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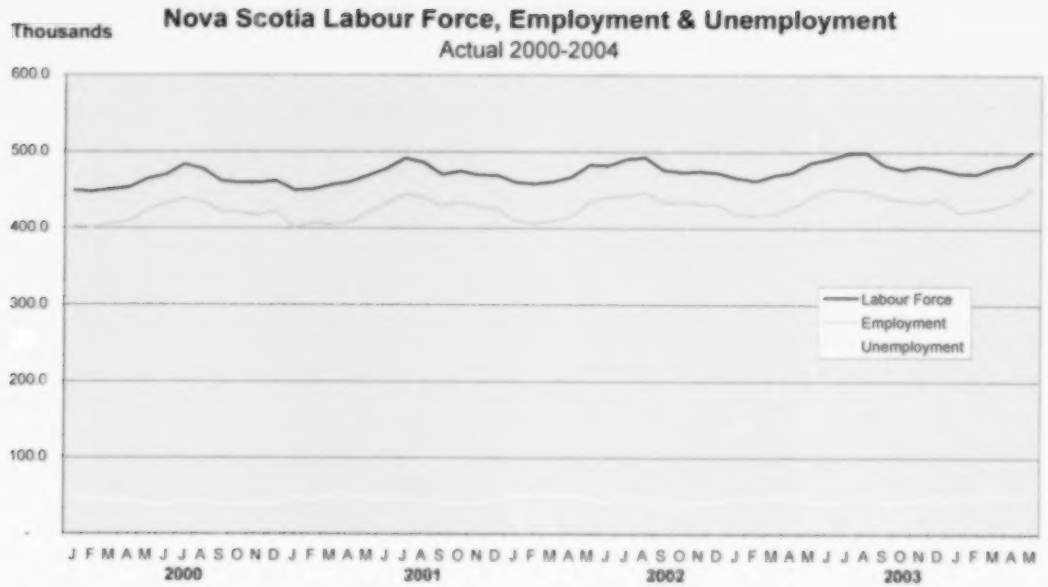
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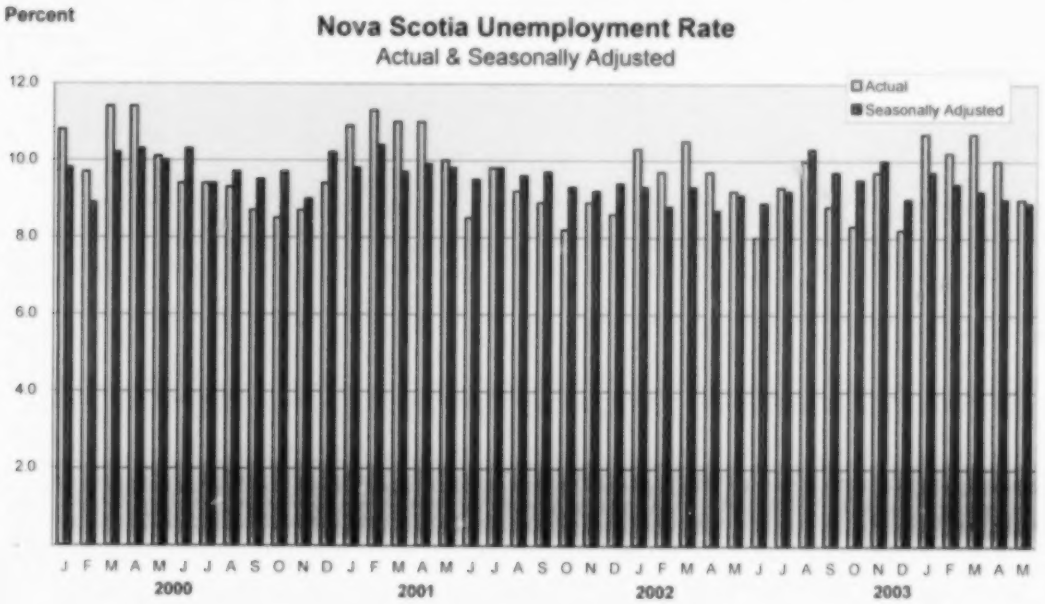
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,176.8	25,494.1	25,524.0	347.2	759.0	763.4	763.7	4.7
Labour Force ('000)	16,913.6	16,980.1	17,136.0	222.4	476.0	478.2	487.8	11.8
Employment ('000)	15,567.4	15,652.9	15,825.9	258.5	429.3	429.0	439.5	10.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,346.1	1,327.2	1,310.1	(36.0)	46.7	49.2	48.3	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.8	7.6	(0.4)	9.8	10.3	9.9	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	66.6	67.1	(0.1)	62.7	62.6	63.9	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	61.8	61.4	62.0	0.2	56.6	56.2	57.5	0.9

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.9	102.5	102.5	0.6	119.9	119.1	119.1	(0.8)
Labour Force ('000)	62.4	63.0	63.5	1.1	62.6	62.1	65.2	2.6
Employment ('000)	56.5	55.9	56.5	-	52.5	51.4	54.6	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	5.9	7.1	6.9	1.0	10.1	10.7	10.6	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	11.3	10.9	1.4	16.1	17.2	16.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	61.2	61.5	62.0	0.8	52.2	52.1	54.7	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.4	54.5	55.1	(0.3)	43.8	43.2	45.8	2.0

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	299.5	303.6	303.9	4.4	287.5	291.5	291.8	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	205.0	210.0	214.1	9.1	199.1	203.4	207.7	8.6
Employment ('000)	190.3	195.4	199.7	9.4	184.7	189.6	194.1	9.4
Unemployed ('000)	14.7	14.6	14.4	(0.3)	14.4	13.7	13.6	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.0	6.7	(0.5)	7.2	6.7	6.5	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	69.2	70.5	2.1	69.3	69.8	71.2	1.9
Employment Rate (%)	63.5	64.4	65.7	2.2	64.2	65.0	66.5	2.3

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.4	133.5	0.3	104.3	104.7	104.7	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	81.5	80.2	81.5	-	64.4	62.8	63.5	(0.9)
Employment ('000)	72.9	71.1	72.0	(0.9)	57.1	55.2	56.7	(0.4)
Unemployed ('000)	8.7	9.1	9.5	0.8	7.3	7.7	6.8	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.7	11.3	11.7	1.0	11.3	12.3	10.7	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	61.2	60.1	61.0	(0.2)	61.7	60.0	60.6	(1.1)
Employment Rate (%)	54.7	53.3	53.9	(0.8)	54.7	52.7	54.2	(0.5)

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,682.1	15,950.7	16,006.8	324.7	12,741.9	13,033.9	13,071.1	329.2	2,940.2	2,916.7	2,935.7	(4.5)
Newfoundland and Labrador	218.1	219.3	222.6	4.5	183.8	187.5	190.1	6.3	34.3	31.8	32.5	(1.8)
Prince Edward Island	68.0	67.9	68.9	0.9	56.9	56.4	58.2	1.3	11.1	11.5	10.6	(0.5)
Nova Scotia	436.5	445.5	449.2	12.7	356.9	361.7	363.4	6.5	79.6	83.8	85.8	6.2
New Brunswick	337.3	348.6	352.5	15.2	284.9	294.4	297.7	12.8	52.5	54.2	54.8	2.3
Quebec	3,632.8	3,714.5	3,708.0	75.2	2,965.1	3,040.1	3,025.3	60.2	667.7	674.4	682.7	15.0
Ontario	6,209.2	6,298.1	6,328.9	119.7	5,058.8	5,185.2	5,215.2	156.4	1,150.4	1,113.0	1,113.8	(36.6)
Manitoba	571.8	574.2	575.8	4.0	457.2	463.6	468.2	11.0	114.6	110.5	107.7	(6.9)
Saskatchewan	487.8	493.5	491.7	3.9	390.4	397.5	398.4	8.0	97.4	96.0	93.3	(4.1)
Alberta	1,716.2	1,751.1	1,756.1	39.9	1,408.0	1,439.6	1,443.5	35.5	308.2	311.6	312.7	4.5
British Columbia	2,004.4	2,037.9	2,053.1	48.7	1,580.1	1,607.9	1,611.8	31.7	424.3	430.0	441.2	16.9

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,799.6	15,735.7	16,117.7	318.1	12,855.5	12,767.9	13,172.0	316.5	2,944.1	2,967.8	2,945.7	1.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	220.5	206.8	225.3	4.8	184.7	174.9	191.0	6.3	35.8	31.9	34.3	(1.5)
Prince Edward Island	71.4	63.2	71.9	0.5	59.7	51.3	60.8	1.1	11.7	11.9	11.0	(0.7)
Nova Scotia	440.9	435.2	454.8	13.9	364.8	351.6	372.2	7.4	76.1	83.6	82.6	6.5
New Brunswick	338.9	333.5	354.6	15.7	285.5	277.7	298.4	12.9	53.4	55.8	56.2	2.8
Quebec	3,663.6	3,673.0	3,739.8	76.2	2,995.7	2,974.1	3,053.6	57.9	667.9	698.9	686.3	18.4
Ontario	6,251.3	6,230.5	6,366.9	115.6	5,097.6	5,112.0	5,245.7	148.1	1,153.7	1,118.5	1,121.2	(32.5)
Manitoba	577.3	568.7	581.1	3.8	462.1	455.8	472.8	10.7	115.2	112.9	108.2	(7.0)
Saskatchewan	493.7	483.0	497.4	3.7	398.0	386.2	406.2	8.2	95.7	96.8	91.2	(4.5)
Alberta	1,726.4	1,725.0	1,763.7	37.3	1,420.3	1,400.8	1,453.0	32.7	306.1	324.2	310.7	4.6
British Columbia	2,015.6	2,016.8	2,062.2	46.6	1,587.0	1,583.5	1,618.2	31.2	428.6	433.3	444.0	15.4

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,791.9	2,792.8	2,811.8	19.9	2,402.4	2,403.6	2,418.4	16.0	14.0	13.9	14.0	-
Newfoundland and Labrador	40.7	39.2	41.2	0.5	31.5	29.1	31.2	(0.3)	22.6	25.8	24.3	1.7
Prince Edward Island	14.2	12.9	13.8	(0.4)	11.8	10.7	11.4	(0.4)	16.9	17.1	17.4	0.5
Nova Scotia	82.0	81.4	83.5	1.5	68.6	69.0	70.9	2.3	16.3	15.4	15.1	(1.2)
New Brunswick	59.6	61.6	64.5	4.9	49.2	50.8	53.9	4.7	17.3	17.5	16.4	(0.9)
Quebec	637.6	648.3	637.2	(0.4)	546.9	547.5	549.6	2.7	14.2	15.5	13.7	(0.5)
Ontario	1,075.2	1,072.9	1,087.3	12.1	919.4	922.2	923.8	4.4	14.5	14.0	15.0	0.5
Manitoba	108.7	109.1	108.6	(0.1)	98.2	96.2	96.0	(2.2)	9.7	11.8	11.6	1.9
Saskatchewan	96.4	97.9	93.4	(3.0)	85.6	87.7	85.1	(0.5)	11.2	10.4	8.9	(2.3)
Alberta	339.5	328.1	327.8	(11.7)	303.4	300.0	298.1	(5.3)	10.6	8.6	9.0	(1.6)
British Columbia	338.0	341.3	354.6	16.6	287.7	290.4	298.4	10.7	14.9	14.9	15.8	0.9

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,880.7	2,631.3	2,895.4	14.7	2,436.8	2,249.4	2,446.3	9.5	15.4	14.5	15.5	0.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	41.7	34.6	42.4	0.7	30.0	25.3	29.5	(0.5)	28.1	27.2	30.4	2.3
Prince Edward Island	15.1	11.8	14.4	(0.7)	12.5	9.0	11.8	(0.7)	17.9	23.7	17.4	(0.5)
Nova Scotia	84.5	75.7	86.0	1.5	68.5	63.2	70.9	2.4	18.9	16.5	17.6	(1.3)
New Brunswick	61.9	55.8	67.0	5.1	49.2	44.7	54.2	5.0	20.5	19.9	19.1	(1.4)
Quebec	648.0	613.4	644.3	(3.7)	548.3	513.7	551.6	3.3	15.4	16.3	14.4	(1.0)
Ontario	1,122.0	1,003.8	1,135.8	13.8	938.1	858.6	940.3	2.2	16.4	14.5	17.2	0.8
Manitoba	110.7	104.5	110.5	(0.2)	100.5	90.8	97.6	(2.9)	9.2	13.1	11.6	2.4
Saskatchewan	101.1	90.9	97.6	(3.5)	87.8	80.6	87.1	(0.7)	13.2	11.3	10.8	(2.4)
Alberta	349.6	312.0	335.1	(14.5)	308.8	283.6	300.7	(8.1)	11.7	9.1	10.2	(1.5)
British Columbia	346.1	328.7	362.5	16.4	293.2	280.0	302.5	9.3	15.3	14.8	16.6	1.3

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,178.2**	**17,030.4**	**17,395.6**	**217.4**	**15,799.6**	**15,735.7**	**16,117.7**	**318.1**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**7.3**	**(0.7)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,332.9**	**4,225.5**	**4,364.7**	**31.8**	**4,014.7**	**3,891.0**	**4,080.7**	**66.0**	**7.3**	**7.9**	**6.5**	**(0.8)**
Agriculture	371.7	356.6	362.2	(9.5)	352.8	336.2	350.8	(2.0)	5.1	5.7	3.1	(2.0)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	332.9	315.5	336.6	3.7	285.5	270.6	297.7	12.2	14.3	14.2	11.6	(2.7)
Utilities	134.4	133.8	136.5	2.1	132.9	130.0	133.5	0.6	1.1	2.8	2.2	1.1
Construction	1,017.9	1,017.8	1,074.3	56.4	929.3	896.8	979.4	50.1	8.7	11.9	8.8	0.1
Manufacturing	2,475.9	2,401.8	2,455.1	(20.8)	2,314.3	2,257.4	2,319.3	5.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	(1.0)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,417.5**	**12,400.3**	**12,608.8**	**191.3**	**11,784.9**	**11,844.8**	**12,037.0**	**252.1**	**5.1**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**(0.6)**
Trade	2,588.5	2,573.0	2,615.4	26.9	2,454.5	2,445.5	2,475.3	20.8	5.2	5.0	5.4	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	795.0	832.0	857.7	62.7	758.0	796.2	822.7	64.7	4.7	4.3	4.1	(0.6)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	958.8	996.0	1,002.9	44.1	925.8	977.6	981.2	55.4	3.4	1.8	2.2	(1.2)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,053.1	1,040.5	1,063.1	10.0	1,004.8	1,008.7	1,023.7	18.9	4.6	3.0	3.7	(0.9)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	703.2	676.1	692.5	(10.7)	631.9	607.8	627.0	(4.9)	10.1	10.1	9.5	(0.6)
Educational Services	1,122.9	1,107.0	1,122.5	(0.4)	1,084.2	1,075.7	1,083.8	(0.4)	3.4	2.8	3.4	-
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,707.2	1,782.3	1,791.9	84.7	1,662.9	1,743.9	1,751.9	89.0	2.6	2.2	2.2	(0.4)
Information, Culture and Recreation	777.5	739.6	764.6	(12.9)	715.9	689.6	716.5	0.6	7.9	6.8	6.3	(1.6)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,136.8	1,093.9	1,105.7	(31.1)	1,029.9	1,002.8	1,019.4	(10.5)	9.4	8.3	7.8	(1.6)
Other Services	743.6	732.9	749.3	5.7	708.2	693.0	714.3	6.1	4.8	5.4	4.7	(0.1)
Public Administration	831.0	827.1	843.2	12.2	809.0	804.0	821.1	12.1	2.6	2.8	2.6	-
Unclassified Industries	427.7	404.7	422.0	(5.7)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**485.7**	**483.4**	**499.9**	**14.2**	**440.9**	**435.2**	**454.8**	**13.9**	**9.2**	**10.0**	**9.0**	**(0.2)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**114.9**	**108.3**	**113.0**	**(1.9)**	**103.5**	**91.0**	**101.9**	**(1.6)**	**9.9**	**15.9**	**9.8**	**(0.1)**
Agriculture	8.6	6.5	6.1	(2.5)	7.0	5.3	5.1	(1.9)	19.8	18.5	16.4	(3.4)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	19.9	17.8	20.7	0.8	17.9	14.6	18.9	1.0	10.1	18.5	9.2	(0.9)
Utilities	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.2	2.8	2.6	3.0	0.2	-	-	-	-
Construction	29.7	32.4	34.8	5.1	26.2	25.4	30.1	3.9	11.8	21.3	13.5	1.7
Manufacturing	53.9	48.9	48.4	(5.5)	49.6	43.1	44.9	(4.7)	8.0	11.9	7.2	(0.8)
Services-Producing Sector	**359.8**	**364.2**	**375.2**	**15.4**	**337.4**	**344.2**	**352.9**	**15.5**	**6.2**	**5.5**	**5.9**	**(0.3)**
Trade	79.6	82.0	80.9	1.3	73.9	77.4	76.4	2.5	7.2	5.6	5.6	(1.6)
Transportation and Warehousing	21.6	20.0	21.3	(0.3)	20.7	18.2	19.8	(0.9)	4.2	9.0	7.0	2.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	21.4	20.8	22.6	1.2	21.1	20.4	22.2	1.1	-	-	-	-
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18.3	21.2	21.4	3.1	17.2	20.2	20.4	3.2	6.0	4.7	4.7	(1.3)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	25.9	27.6	28.9	3.0	22.6	25.1	25.4	2.8	12.7	9.1	12.1	(0.6)
Educational Services	34.1	38.6	39.2	5.1	33.2	36.6	37.9	4.7	2.6	5.4	3.6	1.0
Health Care and Social Assistance	54.9	56.1	56.4	1.5	53.4	54.6	55.2	1.8	2.7	2.7	2.1	(0.6)
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.7	20.2	20.4	2.7	15.7	18.2	18.2	2.5	11.3	9.9	10.8	(0.5)
Accommodation and Food Services	32.8	31.4	35.4	2.6	29.4	28.7	31.7	2.3	10.7	8.9	10.5	(0.2)
Other Services	24.3	19.2	21.6	(2.7)	22.2	18.2	20.0	(2.2)	8.6	5.2	7.9	(0.7)
Public Administration	29.0	27.1	27.0	(2.0)	27.8	26.7	25.9	(1.9)	3.8	-	4.1	0.3
Unclassified Industries	11.0	11.0	11.7	0.7	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change	May 2003	Apr 2004	May 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.1	8.3	8.3	(0.8)	62.6	59.7	60.6	(2.0)	68.9	65.2	66.1	(2.8)
Halifax	**7.2**	**6.7**	**6.5**	**(0.7)**	**64.2**	**65.0**	**66.5**	**2.3**	**69.3**	**69.8**	**71.2**	**1.9**
Saint John, New Brunswick	10.8	9.1	9.2	(1.6)	58.0	59.2	59.5	1.5	65.1	65.1	65.5	0.4
Saguenay	12.6	12.6	11.7	(0.9)	52.6	55.8	57.3	4.7	60.1	63.9	65.0	4.9
Québec	7.5	7.5	6.1	(1.4)	62.5	60.1	61.8	(0.7)	67.5	65.0	65.8	(1.7)
Trois-Rivières	10.0	11.0	11.4	1.4	57.2	54.0	54.2	(3.0)	63.6	60.7	61.1	(2.5)
Sherbrooke	6.3	7.3	6.2	(0.1)	60.8	60.0	61.8	1.0	64.9	64.7	65.8	0.9
Montréal	10.1	8.6	8.2	(1.9)	61.1	61.4	61.9	0.8	68.0	67.2	67.4	(0.6)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.4	6.6	7.1	0.7	67.2	64.8	65.3	(1.9)	71.8	69.4	70.3	(1.5)
Sudbury	7.5	8.4	8.9	1.4	58.1	58.7	58.9	0.8	62.8	64.1	64.7	1.9
Oshawa	5.3	5.7	5.5	0.2	69.6	67.8	68.1	(1.5)	73.5	71.8	72.1	(1.4)
Toronto	7.7	7.4	7.7	-	64.5	64.2	64.5	-	69.9	69.3	69.9	-
Hamilton	5.9	8.0	7.6	1.7	63.2	62.2	63.7	0.5	67.2	67.6	68.9	1.7
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.5	8.9	8.6	2.1	59.4	55.5	56.1	(3.3)	63.5	60.9	61.4	(2.1)
London	7.6	6.0	5.7	(1.9)	62.2	64.3	64.2	2.0	67.3	68.5	68.2	0.9
Windsor	7.5	8.0	8.1	0.6	61.7	59.9	60.2	(1.5)	66.6	65.1	65.5	(1.1)
Kitchener	6.1	5.8	5.6	(0.5)	66.2	65.0	65.0	(1.2)	70.5	69.0	68.9	(1.6)
Thunder Bay	6.8	7.5	8.2	1.4	63.9	60.5	60.7	(3.2)	68.7	65.4	66.1	(2.6)
Winnipeg	4.8	5.4	5.2	0.4	67.1	66.3	67.0	(0.1)	70.4	70.1	70.7	0.3
Regina	5.7	5.3	5.1	(0.6)	67.2	69.1	69.4	2.2	71.3	72.9	73.3	2.0
Saskatoon	6.1	7.2	6.7	0.6	66.2	63.4	64.6	(1.6)	70.4	68.2	69.2	(1.2)
Calgary	5.9	5.6	5.1	(0.8)	70.4	70.8	71.2	0.8	74.8	75.0	75.0	0.2
Edmonton	5.8	5.2	4.9	(0.9)	67.7	68.5	68.9	1.2	71.9	72.3	72.4	0.5
Vancouver	7.2	7.3	7.2	-	61.7	61.7	62.6	0.9	66.5	66.6	67.4	0.9
Victoria	6.2	4.4	4.4	(1.8)	58.9	59.8	60.7	1.8	62.8	62.5	63.5	0.7

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive
and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2004:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
March 2004	April 8, 2004
April 2004	May 7, 2004
May 2004	June 4, 2004
June 2004	July 9, 2004
July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,239.6	25,555.1	25,592.7	353.1	25,239.6	25,555.1	25,592.7	353.1
Labour Force ('000)	17,319.3	17,395.6	17,567.3	248.0	17,041.4	17,247.0	17,286.1	244.7
Employment ('000)	16,074.6	16,117.7	16,376.6	302.0	15,729.0	16,006.8	16,031.5	302.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,244.7	1,277.9	1,190.7	(54.0)	1,312.3	1,240.2	1,254.6	(57.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.3	6.8	(0.4)	7.7	7.2	7.3	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.1	68.6	-	67.5	67.5	67.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	63.1	64.0	0.3	62.3	62.6	62.6	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	759.6	763.9	764.2	4.6	759.6	763.9	764.2	4.6
Labour Force ('000)	490.7	499.9	503.4	12.7	480.7	492.9	491.6	10.9
Employment ('000)	451.4	454.8	463.3	11.9	437.9	449.2	448.1	10.2
Unemployed ('000)	39.3	45.1	40.2	0.9	42.8	43.8	43.5	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	9.0	8.0	-	8.9	8.9	8.8	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	64.6	65.4	65.9	1.3	63.3	64.5	64.3	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	59.4	59.5	60.6	1.2	57.6	58.8	58.6	1.0

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.7	439.7	439.5	0.8	438.7	439.7	439.5	0.8
Labour Force ('000)	275.7	274.4	281.1	5.4	257.5	266.5	265.2	7.7
Employment ('000)	238.0	225.3	239.6	1.6	217.6	222.6	221.2	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	37.7	49.1	41.5	3.8	39.9	43.9	44.1	4.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.7	17.9	14.8	1.1	15.5	16.5	16.6	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	62.8	62.4	64.0	1.2	58.7	60.6	60.3	1.6
Employment Rate (%)	54.3	51.2	54.5	0.2	49.6	50.6	50.3	0.7

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.3	114.6	114.7	1.4	113.3	114.6	114.7	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	82.2	80.7	80.9	(1.3)	77.6	78.8	77.3	(0.3)
Employment ('000)	77.3	71.9	74.9	(2.4)	70.2	68.9	68.0	(2.2)
Unemployed ('000)	4.9	8.8	6.1	1.2	7.4	9.9	9.3	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	10.9	7.5	1.5	9.5	12.6	12.0	2.5
Participation Rate (%)	72.6	70.4	70.5	(2.1)	68.5	68.8	67.4	(1.1)
Employment Rate (%)	68.2	62.7	65.3	(2.9)	62.0	60.1	59.3	(2.7)

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	609.3	612.1	612.4	3.1	609.3	612.1	612.4	3.1
Labour Force ('000)	400.1	399.1	406.1	6.0	384.1	391.6	390.9	6.8
Employment ('000)	362.1	354.6	369.2	7.1	343.5	352.5	351.8	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	38.0	44.5	36.9	(1.1)	40.6	39.1	39.1	(1.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	11.2	9.1	(0.4)	10.6	10.0	10.0	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	65.2	66.3	0.6	63.0	64.0	63.8	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	59.4	57.9	60.3	0.9	56.4	57.6	57.4	1.0

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,080.6	6,140.4	6,146.6	66.0	6,080.6	6,140.4	6,146.6	66.0
Labour Force ('000)	4,096.9	4,058.8	4,107.6	10.7	4,006.1	4,028.9	4,021.2	15.1
Employment ('000)	3,753.3	3,739.8	3,797.4	44.1	3,646.0	3,708.0	3,692.9	46.9
Unemployed ('000)	343.7	318.9	310.2	(33.5)	360.1	320.9	328.4	(31.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	7.9	7.6	(0.8)	9.0	8.0	8.2	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	66.1	66.8	(0.6)	65.9	65.6	65.4	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	61.7	60.9	61.8	0.1	60.0	60.4	60.1	0.1

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,778.4	9,929.5	9,947.8	169.4	9,778.4	9,929.5	9,947.8	169.4
Labour Force ('000)	6,786.0	6,863.5	6,898.4	112.4	6,717.5	6,801.7	6,820.9	103.4
Employment ('000)	6,312.2	6,366.9	6,436.7	124.5	6,223.8	6,328.9	6,346.6	122.8
Unemployed ('000)	473.8	496.6	461.7	(12.1)	493.7	472.8	474.3	(19.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.2	6.7	(0.3)	7.3	7.0	7.0	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	69.1	69.3	(0.1)	68.7	68.5	68.6	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	64.1	64.7	0.1	63.6	63.7	63.8	0.2

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	867.8	876.1	877.2	9.4	867.8	876.1	877.2	9.4
Labour Force ('000)	604.6	610.9	616.9	12.3	597.0	607.8	609.9	12.9
Employment ('000)	579.9	581.1	586.2	6.3	569.1	575.8	575.4	6.3
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	29.9	30.7	6.1	27.9	32.0	34.5	6.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	4.9	5.0	0.9	4.7	5.3	5.7	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.7	70.3	0.6	68.8	69.4	69.5	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	66.3	66.8	-	65.6	65.7	65.6	-

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.9	757.4	757.8	1.9	755.9	757.4	757.8	1.9
Labour Force ('000)	527.0	523.3	526.8	(0.2)	516.2	516.5	516.6	0.4
Employment ('000)	501.5	497.4	503.0	1.5	488.0	491.7	489.8	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	25.6	25.9	23.8	(1.8)	28.2	24.8	26.8	(1.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.9	4.5	(0.4)	5.5	4.8	5.2	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	69.7	69.1	69.5	(0.2)	68.3	68.2	68.2	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	65.7	66.4	0.1	64.6	64.9	64.6	-

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,471.7	2,512.2	2,517.0	45.3	2,471.7	2,512.2	2,517.0	45.3
Labour Force ('000)	1,842.9	1,847.0	1,869.5	26.6	1,815.4	1,835.7	1,843.1	27.7
Employment ('000)	1,756.3	1,763.7	1,789.2	32.9	1,723.0	1,756.1	1,757.5	34.5
Unemployed ('000)	86.6	83.4	80.4	(6.2)	92.5	79.6	85.5	(7.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.5	4.3	(0.4)	5.1	4.3	4.6	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	74.6	73.5	74.3	(0.3)	73.4	73.1	73.2	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	71.1	70.2	71.1	-	69.7	69.9	69.8	0.1

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,364.3	3,409.2	3,415.6	51.3	3,364.3	3,409.2	3,415.6	51.3
Labour Force ('000)	2,213.1	2,238.0	2,276.5	63.4	2,189.3	2,226.6	2,249.4	60.1
Employment ('000)	2,042.5	2,062.2	2,117.1	74.6	2,010.0	2,053.1	2,080.3	70.3
Unemployed ('000)	170.6	175.8	159.4	(11.2)	179.4	173.5	169.1	(10.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.9	7.0	(0.7)	8.2	7.8	7.5	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	65.6	66.7	0.9	65.1	65.3	65.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	60.7	60.5	62.0	1.3	59.7	60.2	60.9	1.2

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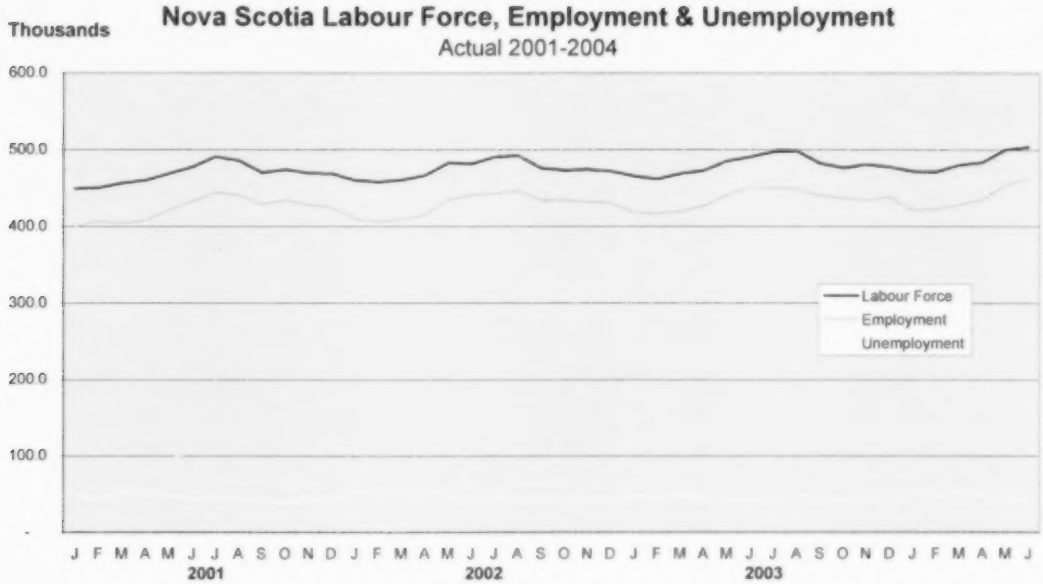

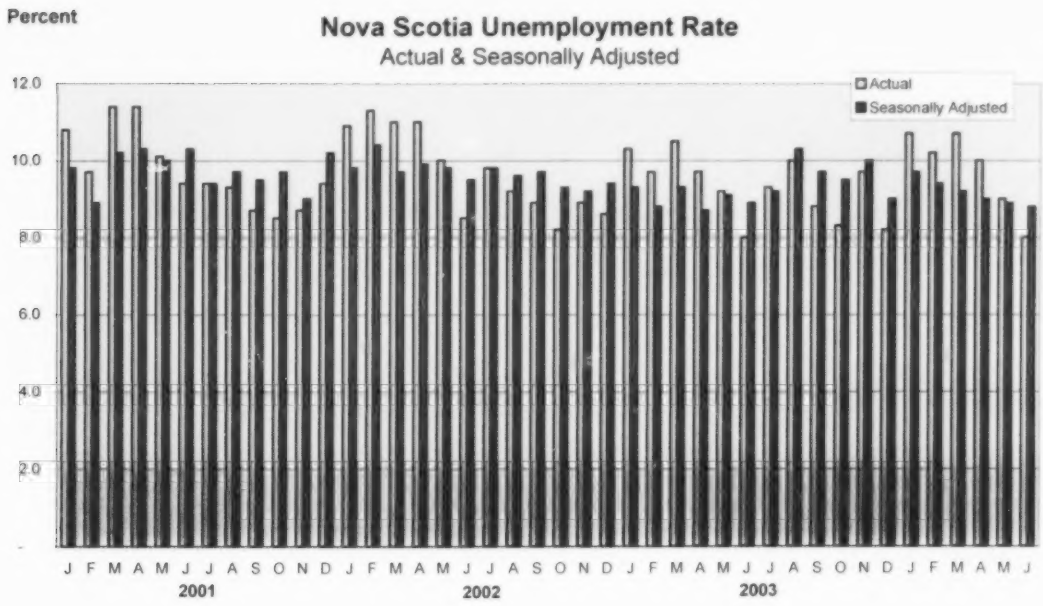
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	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,208.0	25,524.0	25,557.3	349.3	759.3	763.7	763.9	4.6
Labour Force ('000)	17,105.6	17,136.0	17,331.1	225.5	483.1	487.8	495.6	12.5
Employment ('000)	15,784.3	15,825.9	16,076.7	292.4	439.8	439.5	451.1	11.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,321.3	1,310.1	1,254.4	(66.9)	43.3	48.3	44.5	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.6	7.2	(0.5)	9.0	9.9	9.0	-
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	67.1	67.8	(0.1)	63.6	63.9	64.9	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	62.6	62.0	62.9	0.3	57.9	57.5	59.1	1.2

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.0	102.5	102.6	0.6	119.9	119.1	119.0	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	62.3	63.5	64.5	2.2	65.0	65.2	67.3	2.3
Employment ('000)	56.7	56.5	58.0	1.3	55.1	54.6	58.0	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	5.6	6.9	6.5	0.9	9.8	10.6	9.3	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.0	10.9	10.1	1.1	15.1	16.3	13.8	(1.3)
Participation Rate (%)	61.1	62.0	62.9	1.8	54.2	54.7	56.6	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	55.1	56.5	0.9	46.0	45.8	48.7	2.7

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	299.9	303.9	304.2	4.3	287.9	291.8	292.2	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	207.5	214.1	215.6	8.1	201.0	207.7	209.5	8.5
Employment ('000)	194.5	199.7	202.2	7.7	188.2	194.1	196.6	8.4
Unemployed ('000)	13.0	14.4	13.4	0.4	12.8	13.6	12.9	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.7	6.2	(0.1)	6.4	6.5	6.2	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	70.5	70.9	1.7	69.8	71.2	71.7	1.9
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	65.7	66.5	1.6	65.4	66.5	67.3	1.9

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.5	133.4	0.2	104.3	104.7	104.7	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	82.4	81.5	83.6	1.2	66.0	63.5	64.6	(1.4)
Employment ('000)	74.4	72.0	75.2	0.8	59.1	56.7	57.8	(1.3)
Unemployed ('000)	8.0	9.5	8.4	0.4	6.8	6.8	6.8	-
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	11.7	10.0	0.3	10.3	10.7	10.5	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	61.0	62.7	0.8	63.3	60.6	61.7	(1.6)
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	53.9	56.4	0.5	56.7	54.2	55.2	(1.5)

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Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,729.0	16,006.8	16,031.5	302.5	12,752.6	13,071.1	13,098.2	345.6	2,976.4	2,935.7	2,933.2	(43.2)
Newfoundland and Labrador	217.6	222.6	221.2	3.6	185.5	190.1	184.9	(0.6)	32.1	32.5	36.3	4.2
Prince Edward Island	70.2	68.9	68.0	(2.2)	58.1	58.2	57.7	(0.4)	12.1	10.6	10.3	(1.8)
Nova Scotia	437.9	449.2	448.1	10.2	356.1	363.4	364.6	8.5	81.8	85.8	83.5	1.7
New Brunswick	343.5	352.5	351.8	8.3	290.0	297.7	295.2	5.2	53.5	54.8	56.6	3.1
Quebec	3,646.0	3,708.0	3,692.9	46.9	2,975.0	3,025.3	3,008.8	33.8	671.0	682.7	684.1	13.1
Ontario	6,223.8	6,328.9	6,346.6	122.8	5,058.0	5,215.2	5,243.6	185.6	1,165.8	1,113.8	1,103.0	(62.8)
Manitoba	569.1	575.8	575.4	6.3	458.3	468.2	464.5	6.2	110.8	107.7	110.9	0.1
Saskatchewan	488.0	491.7	489.8	1.8	387.1	398.4	393.2	6.1	100.9	93.3	96.6	(4.3)
Alberta	1,723.0	1,756.1	1,757.5	34.5	1,403.6	1,443.5	1,438.5	34.9	319.4	312.7	319.0	(0.4)
British Columbia	2,010.0	2,053.1	2,080.3	70.3	1,580.5	1,611.8	1,647.0	66.5	429.5	441.2	433.3	3.8

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Canada	16,074.6	16,117.7	16,376.6	302.0	13,201.9	13,172.0	13,531.5	329.6	2,872.7	2,945.7	2,845.1	(27.6)
Newfoundland and Labrador	238.0	225.3	239.6	1.6	205.9	191.0	202.6	(3.3)	32.1	34.3	37.0	4.9
Prince Edward Island	77.3	71.9	74.9	(2.4)	65.4	60.8	64.6	(0.8)	11.9	11.0	10.3	(1.6)
Nova Scotia	451.4	454.8	463.3	11.9	374.1	372.2	383.7	9.6	77.3	82.6	79.6	2.3
New Brunswick	362.1	354.6	369.2	7.1	311.9	298.4	314.6	2.7	50.2	56.2	54.6	4.4
Quebec	3,753.3	3,739.8	3,797.4	44.1	3,119.6	3,053.6	3,150.0	30.4	633.7	686.3	647.4	13.7
Ontario	6,312.2	6,366.9	6,436.7	124.5	5,177.3	5,245.7	5,359.2	181.9	1,135.0	1,121.2	1,077.5	(57.5)
Manitoba	579.9	581.1	586.2	6.3	473.6	472.8	477.3	3.7	106.4	108.2	108.9	2.5
Saskatchewan	501.5	497.4	503.0	1.5	403.9	406.2	407.9	4.0	97.6	91.2	95.2	(2.4)
Alberta	1,756.3	1,763.7	1,789.2	32.9	1,444.4	1,453.0	1,472.7	28.3	311.9	310.7	316.5	4.6
British Columbia	2,042.5	2,062.2	2,117.1	74.6	1,625.8	1,618.2	1,698.9	73.1	416.7	444.0	418.2	1.5

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,798.0	2,811.8	2,826.0	28.0	2,407.3	2,418.4	2,450.6	43.3	14.0	14.0	13.3	(0.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	38.3	41.2	39.4	1.1	30.2	31.2	30.1	(0.1)	21.1	24.3	23.6	2.5
Prince Edward Island	14.3	13.8	12.8	(1.5)	12.4	11.4	10.4	(2.0)	13.3	17.4	19.5	6.2
Nova Scotia	83.0	83.5	84.4	1.4	69.1	70.9	71.4	2.3	16.9	15.1	15.4	(1.5)
New Brunswick	63.1	64.5	65.3	2.2	50.8	53.9	55.4	4.6	19.7	16.4	15.2	(4.5)
Quebec	649.4	637.2	633.8	(15.6)	559.9	549.6	550.4	(9.5)	13.8	13.7	13.2	(0.6)
Ontario	1,079.4	1,087.3	1,107.4	28.0	907.9	923.8	951.7	43.8	15.9	15.0	14.1	(1.8)
Manitoba	108.0	108.6	107.9	(0.1)	98.1	96.0	95.4	(2.7)	9.1	11.6	11.5	2.4
Saskatchewan	95.5	93.4	92.7	(2.8)	85.2	85.1	83.2	(2.0)	10.8	8.9	10.1	(0.7)
Alberta	338.2	327.8	325.7	(12.5)	308.4	298.1	297.9	(10.5)	8.8	9.0	8.5	(0.3)
British Columbia	328.8	354.6	356.6	27.8	285.5	298.4	304.6	19.1	13.2	15.8	14.6	1.4

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,990.4	2,895.4	3,018.6	28.2	2,595.2	2,446.3	2,643.0	47.8	13.2	15.5	12.4	(0.8)
Newfoundland and Labrador	45.4	42.4	45.4	-	36.3	29.5	35.0	(1.3)	20.0	30.4	22.9	2.9
Prince Edward Island	16.5	14.4	14.6	(1.9)	15.1	11.8	12.7	(2.4)	9.1	17.4	13.0	3.9
Nova Scotia	87.8	86.0	90.4	2.6	75.0	70.9	78.3	3.3	14.6	17.6	13.4	(1.2)
New Brunswick	71.1	67.0	72.8	1.7	58.0	54.2	62.4	4.4	18.6	19.1	14.4	(4.2)
Quebec	713.9	644.3	691.1	(22.8)	616.5	551.6	606.0	(10.5)	13.6	14.4	12.3	(1.3)
Ontario	1,141.3	1,135.8	1,177.0	35.7	967.8	940.3	1,016.9	49.1	15.2	17.2	13.6	(1.6)
Manitoba	112.8	110.5	113.0	0.2	103.8	97.6	101.1	(2.7)	8.0	11.6	10.5	2.5
Saskatchewan	103.1	97.6	100.1	(3.0)	92.8	87.1	90.8	(2.0)	10.0	10.8	9.3	(0.7)
Alberta	358.2	335.1	345.3	(12.9)	330.4	300.7	319.6	(10.8)	7.8	10.2	7.4	(0.4)
British Columbia	340.2	362.5	368.8	28.6	299.6	302.5	320.4	20.8	12.0	16.6	13.1	1.1

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,319.3**	**17,395.6**	**17,567.3**	**248.0**	**16,074.6**	**16,117.7**	**16,376.6**	**302.0**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**6.8**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,370.6**	**4,364.7**	**4,437.1**	**66.5**	**4,116.8**	**4,080.7**	**4,188.5**	**71.7**	**5.8**	**6.5**	**5.6**	**(0.2)**
Agriculture	374.9	362.2	373.6	(1.3)	357.7	350.8	356.8	(0.9)	4.6	3.1	4.5	(0.1)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	340.1	336.6	345.1	5.0	309.5	297.7	317.5	8.0	9.0	11.6	8.0	(1.0)
Utilities	135.7	136.5	138.7	3.0	133.8	133.5	137.4	3.6	1.4	2.2	-	(1.4)
Construction	1,049.5	1,074.3	1,108.9	59.4	986.9	979.4	1,039.9	53.0	6.0	8.8	6.2	0.2
Manufacturing	2,470.4	2,455.1	2,470.6	0.2	2,329.1	2,319.3	2,336.9	7.8	5.7	5.5	5.4	(0.3)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,518.4**	**12,608.8**	**12,714.3**	**186.9**	**11,957.8**	**12,037.0**	**12,188.1**	**230.3**	**4.5**	**4.5**	**4.1**	**(0.4)**
Trade	2,584.7	2,615.4	2,618.6	33.9	2,469.2	2,475.3	2,502.5	33.3	4.5	5.4	4.4	(0.1)
Transportation and Warehousing	805.8	857.7	870.8	65.0	779.2	822.7	837.5	58.3	3.3	4.1	3.8	0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	955.0	1,002.9	1,009.5	54.5	928.4	981.2	983.1	54.7	2.8	2.2	2.6	(0.2)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,064.6	1,063.1	1,076.8	12.2	1,022.5	1,023.7	1,032.9	10.4	4.0	3.7	4.1	0.1
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	706.7	692.5	712.2	5.5	639.1	627.0	649.4	10.3	9.6	9.5	8.8	(0.8)
Educational Services	1,097.5	1,122.5	1,099.9	2.4	1,060.7	1,083.8	1,069.6	8.9	3.4	3.4	2.8	(0.6)
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,735.5	1,791.9	1,815.0	79.5	1,694.6	1,751.9	1,766.1	71.5	2.4	2.2	2.7	0.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	785.8	764.6	795.4	9.6	729.8	716.5	753.1	23.3	7.1	6.3	5.3	(1.8)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,154.7	1,105.7	1,118.4	(36.3)	1,059.4	1,019.4	1,049.2	(10.2)	8.3	7.8	6.2	(2.1)
Other Services	769.3	749.3	736.4	(32.9)	734.2	714.3	705.7	(28.5)	4.6	4.7	4.2	(0.4)
Public Administration	858.8	843.2	861.4	2.6	840.7	821.1	839.0	(1.7)	2.1	2.6	2.6	0.5
Unclassified Industries	430.3	422.0	415.9	(14.4)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**490.7**	**499.9**	**503.4**	**12.7**	**451.4**	**454.8**	**463.3**	**11.9**	**8.0**	**9.0**	**8.0**	**-**
Goods-Producing Sector	**116.5**	**113.0**	**115.8**	**(0.7)**	**104.9**	**101.9**	**106.3**	**1.4**	**10.0**	**9.8**	**8.2**	**(1.8)**
Agriculture	7.3	6.1	6.7	(0.6)	6.8	5.1	6.0	(0.8)	6.8	16.4	11.9	5.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.8	20.7	19.8	1.0	15.6	18.9	17.0	1.4	17.0	9.2	14.1	(2.9)
Utilities	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1	-	-	-	-
Construction	31.2	34.8	34.8	3.6	28.0	30.1	31.9	3.9	10.3	13.5	8.3	(2.0)
Manufacturing	56.3	48.4	51.6	(4.7)	51.6	44.9	48.6	(3.0)	8.3	7.2	5.8	(2.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**365.1**	**375.2**	**377.0**	**11.9**	**346.5**	**352.9**	**356.9**	**10.4**	**5.1**	**5.9**	**5.3**	**0.2**
Trade	81.1	80.9	83.1	2.0	76.9	76.4	79.0	2.1	5.3	5.6	4.9	(0.4)
Transportation and Warehousing	22.0	21.3	22.1	0.1	21.2	19.8	21.4	0.2	3.6	7.0	3.2	(0.4)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.8	22.6	23.2	0.4	22.4	22.2	22.4	-	-	-	3.4	3.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18.0	21.4	22.6	4.6	17.3	20.4	21.0	3.7	3.3	4.7	7.1	3.8
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	25.1	28.9	29.8	4.7	22.6	25.4	25.9	3.3	10.0	12.1	13.4	3.4
Educational Services	32.9	39.2	39.0	6.1	31.9	37.9	37.9	6.0	3.0	3.6	2.8	(0.2)
Health Care and Social Assistance	56.4	56.4	54.6	(1.8)	54.6	55.2	53.5	(1.1)	3.2	2.1	2.0	(1.2)
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.2	20.4	19.8	0.6	18.0	18.2	18.7	0.7	6.3	10.8	5.6	(0.7)
Accommodation and Food Services	32.4	35.4	34.9	2.5	28.3	31.7	31.9	3.6	12.3	10.5	8.6	(3.7)
Other Services	25.4	21.6	21.3	(4.1)	24.3	20.0	20.2	(4.1)	4.7	7.9	5.2	0.5
Public Administration	29.6	27.0	26.7	(2.9)	28.9	25.9	25.1	(3.8)	2.4	4.1	5.6	3.2
Unclassified Industries	9.1	11.7	10.6	1.5	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change	Jun 2003	May 2004	Jun 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.2	8.3	9.6	0.4	63.1	60.6	61.2	(1.9)	69.5	66.1	67.6	(1.9)
Halifax	6.4	6.5	6.2	(0.2)	65.4	66.5	67.3	1.9	69.8	71.2	71.7	1.9
Saint John, New Brunswick	10.5	9.2	9.2	(1.3)	58.1	59.5	59.4	1.3	65.0	65.5	65.5	0.5
Saguenay	11.9	11.7	10.9	(1.0)	53.7	57.3	58.1	4.4	60.9	65.0	65.2	4.3
Québec	6.2	6.1	5.5	(0.7)	64.3	61.8	63.5	(0.8)	68.6	65.8	67.2	(1.4)
Trois-Rivières	10.1	11.4	10.7	0.6	56.8	54.2	54.6	(2.2)	63.1	61.1	61.0	(2.1)
Sherbrooke	6.4	6.2	5.9	(0.5)	61.5	61.8	62.7	1.2	65.7	65.8	66.7	1.0
Montréal	9.9	8.2	7.9	(2.0)	61.6	61.9	62.5	0.9	68.4	67.4	67.9	(0.5)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.3	7.1	7.0	0.7	67.8	65.3	66.0	(1.8)	72.4	70.3	70.9	(1.5)
Sudbury	7.4	8.9	8.8	1.4	58.4	58.9	59.6	1.2	63.0	64.7	65.3	2.3
Oshawa	5.4	5.5	5.2	(0.2)	70.4	68.1	68.5	(1.9)	74.4	72.1	72.3	(2.1)
Toronto	8.1	7.7	7.4	(0.7)	64.6	64.5	65.2	0.6	70.3	69.9	70.4	0.1
Hamilton	5.8	7.6	7.0	1.2	63.7	63.7	65.0	1.3	67.7	68.9	69.9	2.2
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.5	8.6	8.2	1.7	60.1	56.1	56.7	(3.4)	64.3	61.4	61.8	(2.5)
London	7.4	5.7	5.3	(2.1)	63.0	64.2	65.8	2.8	68.0	68.2	69.5	1.5
Windsor	6.9	8.1	8.3	1.4	62.0	60.2	60.5	(1.5)	66.6	65.5	66.0	(0.6)
Kitchener	6.1	5.6	5.4	(0.7)	66.4	65.0	65.9	(0.5)	70.7	68.9	69.7	(1.0)
Thunder Bay	6.3	8.2	8.7	2.4	64.0	60.7	61.1	(2.9)	68.2	66.1	66.9	(1.3)
Winnipeg	4.4	5.2	5.4	1.0	67.7	67.0	67.5	(0.2)	70.8	70.7	71.3	0.5
Regina	5.3	5.1	4.7	(0.6)	67.9	69.4	69.8	1.9	71.6	73.3	73.2	1.6
Saskatoon	5.9	6.7	6.1	0.2	67.7	64.6	66.2	(1.5)	71.9	69.2	70.6	(1.3)
Calgary	5.2	5.1	4.9	(0.3)	71.4	71.2	71.9	0.5	75.3	75.0	75.7	0.4
Edmonton	5.8	4.9	4.3	(1.5)	68.4	68.9	69.3	0.9	72.6	72.4	72.5	(0.1)
Vancouver	7.2	7.2	7.1	(0.1)	62.2	62.6	63.2	1.0	67.0	67.4	68.1	1.1
Victoria	7.1	4.4	5.2	(1.9)	58.3	60.7	60.7	2.4	62.7	63.5	64.0	1.3

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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and employment rates.

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July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,263.9	25,592.7	25,619.9	356.0	25,263.9	25,592.7	25,619.9	356.0
Labour Force ('000)	17,465.9	17,567.3	17,695.8	229.9	17,044.5	17,286.1	17,275.7	231.2
Employment ('000)	16,090.4	16,376.6	16,407.3	316.9	15,723.7	16,031.5	16,040.2	316.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,375.4	1,190.7	1,288.5	(86.9)	1,320.8	1,254.6	1,235.5	(85.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	6.8	7.3	(0.6)	7.7	7.3	7.2	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	68.6	69.1	-	67.5	67.5	67.4	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	64.0	64.0	0.3	62.2	62.6	62.6	0.4

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	760.1	764.2	764.6	4.5	760.1	764.2	764.6	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	497.6	503.4	508.5	10.9	477.7	491.6	490.4	12.7
Employment ('000)	451.1	463.3	466.2	15.1	433.6	448.1	449.2	15.6
Unemployed ('000)	46.5	40.2	42.3	(4.2)	44.1	43.5	41.3	(2.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	8.0	8.3	(1.0)	9.2	8.8	8.4	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	65.9	66.5	1.0	62.8	64.3	64.1	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	59.3	60.6	61.0	1.7	57.0	58.6	58.7	1.7

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.5	439.5	439.4	0.9	438.5	439.5	439.4	0.9
Labour Force ('000)	282.3	281.1	290.0	7.7	258.8	265.2	266.4	7.6
Employment ('000)	242.4	239.6	253.4	11.0	217.6	221.2	226.5	8.9
Unemployed ('000)	39.9	41.5	36.6	(3.3)	41.2	44.1	39.9	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.1	14.8	12.6	(1.5)	15.9	16.6	15.0	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	64.0	66.0	1.6	59.0	60.3	60.6	1.6
Employment Rate (%)	55.3	54.5	57.7	2.4	49.6	50.3	51.5	1.9

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.4	114.7	114.7	1.3	113.4	114.7	114.7	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	83.0	80.9	83.6	0.6	77.6	77.3	78.3	0.7
Employment ('000)	75.7	74.9	75.9	0.2	69.5	68.0	69.5	-
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	6.1	7.7	0.4	8.1	9.3	8.8	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	7.5	9.2	0.4	10.4	12.0	11.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	70.5	72.9	(0.3)	68.4	67.4	68.3	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	66.8	65.3	66.2	(0.6)	61.3	59.3	60.6	(0.7)

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	609.7	612.4	612.7	3.0	609.7	612.4	612.7	3.0
Labour Force ('000)	404.6	406.1	412.6	8.0	384.5	390.9	393.4	8.9
Employment ('000)	365.7	369.2	374.1	8.4	344.7	351.8	354.1	9.4
Unemployed ('000)	38.8	36.9	38.5	(0.3)	39.8	39.1	39.3	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	9.1	9.3	(0.3)	10.4	10.0	10.0	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.3	67.3	0.9	63.1	63.8	64.2	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	60.3	61.1	1.1	56.5	57.4	57.8	1.3

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,084.6	6,146.6	6,151.1	66.5	6,084.6	6,146.6	6,151.1	66.5
Labour Force ('000)	4,116.3	4,107.6	4,142.7	26.4	4,008.2	4,021.2	4,033.1	24.9
Employment ('000)	3,755.4	3,797.4	3,817.2	61.8	3,636.9	3,692.9	3,702.5	65.6
Unemployed ('000)	360.9	310.2	325.5	(35.4)	371.2	328.4	330.6	(40.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	7.6	7.9	(0.9)	9.3	8.2	8.2	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	66.8	67.3	(0.4)	65.9	65.4	65.6	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	61.7	61.8	62.1	0.4	59.8	60.1	60.2	0.4

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,790.3	9,947.8	9,961.3	171.0	9,790.3	9,947.8	9,961.3	171.0
Labour Force ('000)	6,841.7	6,898.4	6,971.9	130.2	6,696.0	6,820.9	6,822.0	126.0
Employment ('000)	6,309.0	6,436.7	6,453.1	144.1	6,215.3	6,346.6	6,355.2	139.9
Unemployed ('000)	532.7	461.7	518.8	(13.9)	480.7	474.3	466.9	(13.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	6.7	7.4	(0.4)	7.2	7.0	6.8	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	69.3	70.0	0.1	68.4	68.6	68.5	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	64.7	64.8	0.4	63.5	63.8	63.8	0.3

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	868.4	877.2	877.9	9.5	868.4	877.2	877.9	9.5
Labour Force ('000)	610.8	616.9	613.6	2.8	601.2	609.9	604.5	3.3
Employment ('000)	579.1	586.2	578.6	(0.5)	570.4	575.4	570.8	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	31.7	30.7	35.1	3.4	30.7	34.5	33.7	3.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.0	5.7	0.5	5.1	5.7	5.6	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	70.3	69.9	(0.4)	69.2	69.5	68.9	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	66.8	65.9	(0.8)	65.7	65.6	65.0	(0.7)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.8	757.8	758.0	2.2	755.8	757.8	758.0	2.2
Labour Force ('000)	530.6	526.8	528.9	(1.7)	515.1	516.6	513.6	(1.5)
Employment ('000)	500.3	503.0	499.9	(0.4)	486.7	489.8	486.8	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	30.3	23.8	29.0	(1.3)	28.5	26.8	26.8	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	4.5	5.5	(0.2)	5.5	5.2	5.2	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	69.5	69.8	(0.4)	68.2	68.2	67.8	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	66.4	65.9	(0.3)	64.4	64.6	64.2	(0.2)

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,475.4	2,517.0	2,520.1	44.7	2,475.4	2,517.0	2,520.1	44.7
Labour Force ('000)	1,847.6	1,869.5	1,860.0	12.4	1,816.1	1,843.1	1,829.3	13.2
Employment ('000)	1,756.0	1,789.2	1,772.0	16.0	1,728.1	1,757.5	1,744.2	16.1
Unemployed ('000)	91.6	80.4	88.0	(3.6)	88.0	85.5	85.1	(2.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.3	4.7	(0.3)	4.8	4.6	4.7	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	74.6	74.3	73.8	(0.8)	73.4	73.2	72.6	(0.8)
Employment Rate (%)	70.9	71.1	70.3	(0.6)	69.8	69.8	69.2	(0.6)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,367.8	3,415.6	3,420.1	52.3	3,367.8	3,415.6	3,420.1	52.3
Labour Force ('000)	2,251.4	2,276.5	2,284.0	32.6	2,209.3	2,249.4	2,244.9	35.6
Employment ('000)	2,055.8	2,117.1	2,116.9	61.1	2,021.0	2,080.3	2,081.5	60.5
Unemployed ('000)	195.7	159.4	167.0	(28.7)	188.3	169.1	163.3	(25.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	7.0	7.3	(1.4)	8.5	7.5	7.3	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.7	66.8	(0.1)	65.6	65.9	65.6	-
Employment Rate (%)	61.0	62.0	61.9	0.9	60.0	60.9	60.9	0.9

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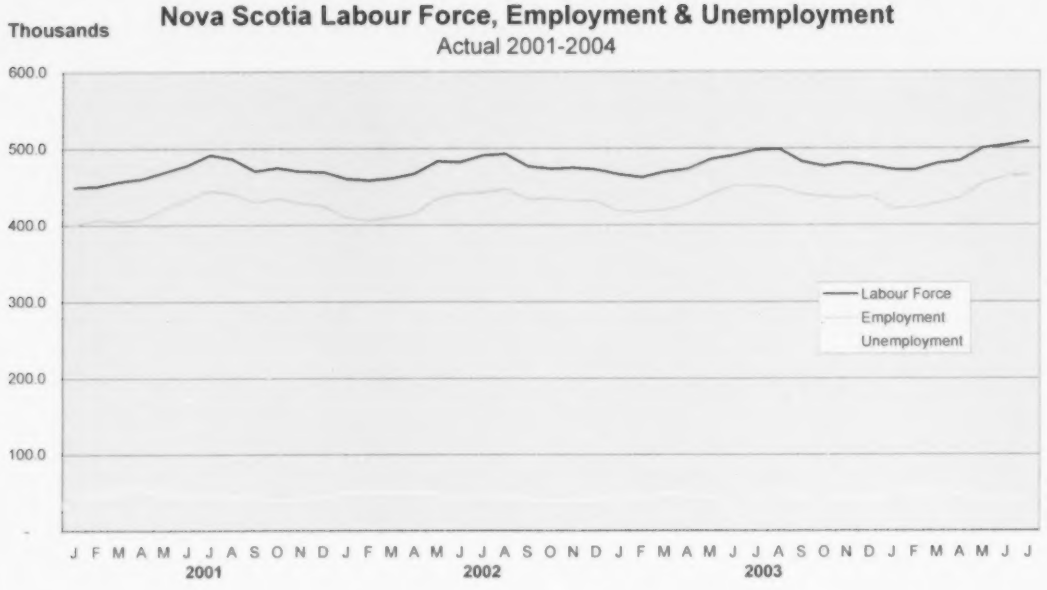

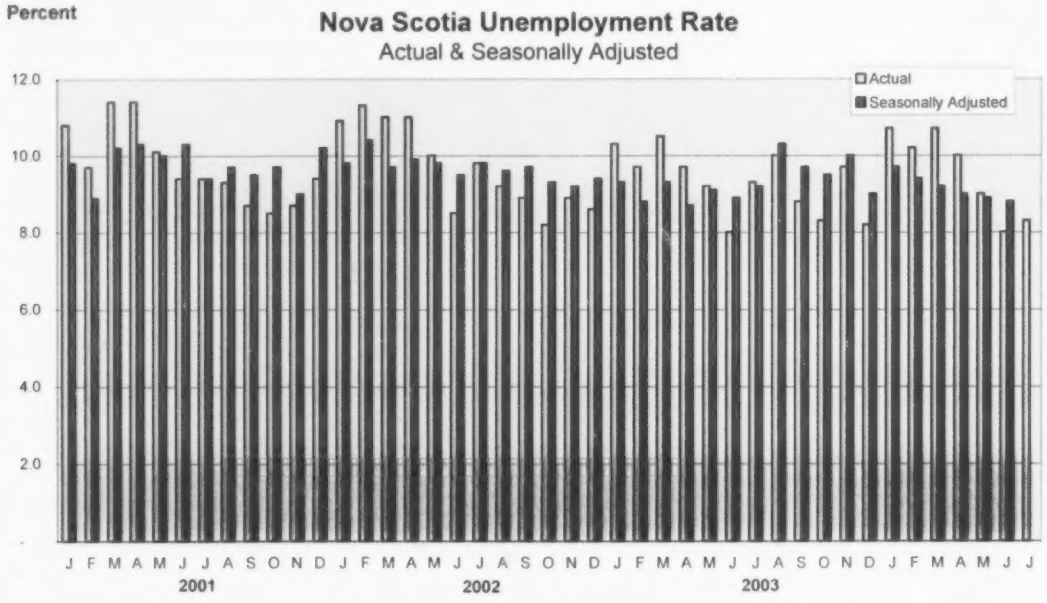
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,236.6	25,557.3	25,589.2	352.6	759.7	763.9	764.2	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	17,321.1	17,331.1	17,552.9	231.8	491.3	495.6	504.0	12.7
Employment ('000)	15,988.2	16,076.7	16,300.5	312.3	447.8	451.1	461.4	13.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,332.9	1,254.4	1,252.4	(80.5)	43.5	44.5	42.5	(1.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.2	7.1	(0.6)	8.9	9.0	8.4	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	67.8	68.6	-	64.7	64.9	66.0	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	63.4	62.9	63.7	0.3	58.9	59.1	60.4	1.5

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.0	102.6	102.6	0.6	119.8	119.0	118.9	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	62.8	64.5	66.5	3.7	66.1	67.3	68.9	2.8
Employment ('000)	57.0	58.0	60.7	3.7	56.1	58.0	59.4	3.3
Unemployed ('000)	5.8	6.5	5.8	-	9.9	9.3	9.5	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	10.1	8.7	(0.5)	15.0	13.8	13.8	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	61.6	62.9	64.8	3.2	55.2	56.6	57.9	2.7
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	56.5	59.2	3.3	46.8	48.7	50.0	3.2

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	300.2	304.2	304.6	4.4	288.2	292.2	292.5	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	211.6	215.6	217.2	5.6	204.8	209.5	211.5	6.7
Employment ('000)	198.2	202.2	204.7	6.5	191.7	196.6	199.5	7.8
Unemployed ('000)	13.4	13.4	12.5	(0.9)	13.0	12.9	12.0	(1.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	6.2	5.8	(0.5)	6.3	6.2	5.7	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.9	71.3	0.8	71.1	71.7	72.3	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.0	66.5	67.2	1.2	66.5	67.3	68.2	1.7

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.4	133.4	0.1	104.4	104.7	104.7	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	83.8	83.6	85.1	1.3	67.1	64.6	66.3	(0.8)
Employment ('000)	75.9	75.2	76.9	1.0	60.6	57.8	59.7	(0.9)
Unemployed ('000)	7.9	8.4	8.2	0.3	6.5	6.8	6.6	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	10.0	9.6	0.2	9.7	10.5	10.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	62.7	63.8	0.9	64.3	61.7	63.3	(1.0)
Employment Rate (%)	56.9	56.4	57.6	0.7	58.0	55.2	57.0	(1.0)

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,723.7	16,031.5	16,040.2	316.5	12,764.1	13,098.2	13,059.3	295.2	2,959.5	2,933.2	2,980.9	21.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	217.6	221.2	226.5	8.9	186.1	184.9	192.3	6.2	31.5	36.3	34.2	2.7
Prince Edward Island	69.5	68.0	69.5	-	57.9	57.7	57.5	(0.4)	11.6	10.3	12.0	0.4
Nova Scotia	433.6	448.1	449.2	15.6	350.9	364.6	363.3	12.4	82.7	83.5	85.8	3.1
New Brunswick	344.7	351.8	354.1	9.4	291.0	295.2	297.7	6.7	53.7	56.6	56.4	2.7
Quebec	3,636.9	3,692.9	3,702.5	65.6	2,990.2	3,008.8	3,022.2	32.0	646.7	684.1	680.3	33.6
Ontario	6,215.3	6,346.6	6,355.2	139.9	5,061.6	5,243.6	5,206.9	145.3	1,153.7	1,103.0	1,148.3	(5.4)
Manitoba	570.4	575.4	570.8	0.4	456.8	464.5	457.3	0.5	113.7	110.9	113.5	(0.2)
Saskatchewan	486.7	489.8	486.8	0.1	386.4	393.2	389.2	2.8	100.3	96.6	97.7	(2.6)
Alberta	1,728.1	1,757.5	1,744.2	16.1	1,412.8	1,438.5	1,435.9	23.1	315.3	319.0	308.3	(7.0)
British Columbia	2,021.0	2,080.3	2,081.5	60.5	1,571.0	1,647.0	1,636.9	65.9	449.9	433.3	444.6	(5.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Canada	16,090.4	16,376.6	16,407.3	316.9	13,449.9	13,531.5	13,744.1	294.2	2,640.6	2,845.1	2,663.2	22.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	242.4	239.6	253.4	11.0	212.9	202.6	221.4	8.5	29.5	37.0	32.1	2.6
Prince Edward Island	75.7	74.9	75.9	0.2	66.4	64.6	66.1	(0.3)	9.3	10.3	9.8	0.5
Nova Scotia	451.1	463.3	466.2	15.1	378.6	383.7	390.7	12.1	72.4	79.6	75.5	3.1
New Brunswick	365.7	369.2	374.1	8.4	319.3	314.6	325.2	5.9	46.4	54.6	48.9	2.5
Quebec	3,755.4	3,797.4	3,817.2	61.8	3,209.0	3,150.0	3,248.8	39.8	546.4	647.4	568.4	22.0
Ontario	6,309.0	6,436.7	6,453.1	144.1	5,263.9	5,359.2	5,403.9	140.0	1,045.1	1,077.5	1,049.2	4.1
Manitoba	579.1	586.2	578.6	(0.5)	483.1	477.3	482.3	(0.8)	96.1	108.9	96.3	0.2
Saskatchewan	500.3	503.0	499.9	(0.4)	409.8	407.9	410.5	0.7	90.5	95.2	89.4	(1.1)
Alberta	1,756.0	1,789.2	1,772.0	16.0	1,476.6	1,472.7	1,496.5	21.9	279.5	316.5	273.5	(6.0)
British Columbia	2,055.8	2,117.1	2,116.9	61.1	1,630.3	1,698.9	1,696.8	66.5	425.4	418.2	420.1	(5.3)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,787.6	2,826.0	2,814.9	27.3	2,393.4	2,450.6	2,436.9	43.5	14.1	13.3	13.4	(0.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	39.3	39.4	39.3	-	30.5	30.1	30.9	0.4	22.4	23.6	21.4	(1.0)
Prince Edward Island	14.1	12.8	13.8	(0.3)	12.3	10.4	10.8	(1.5)	12.8	19.5	21.7	8.9
Nova Scotia	82.4	84.4	83.5	1.1	68.3	71.4	71.7	3.4	17.1	15.4	14.1	(3.0)
New Brunswick	62.1	65.3	62.6	0.5	51.9	55.4	54.3	2.4	16.4	15.2	13.3	(3.1)
Quebec	642.1	633.8	631.2	(10.9)	556.0	550.4	543.2	(12.8)	13.4	13.2	13.9	0.5
Ontario	1,053.8	1,107.4	1,099.0	45.2	894.5	951.7	942.5	48.0	15.1	14.1	14.2	(0.9)
Manitoba	108.0	107.9	106.9	(1.1)	97.4	95.4	93.9	(3.5)	9.8	11.5	12.2	2.4
Saskatchewan	93.0	92.7	94.0	1.0	83.0	83.2	84.1	1.1	10.8	10.1	10.5	(0.3)
Alberta	343.8	325.7	327.9	(15.9)	309.4	297.9	300.4	(9.0)	10.0	8.5	8.4	(1.6)
British Columbia	349.0	356.6	356.8	7.8	290.1	304.6	305.1	15.0	16.9	14.6	14.5	(2.4)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
Canada	3,254.7	3,018.6	3,277.0	22.3	2,773.4	2,643.0	2,818.8	45.4	14.8	12.4	14.0	(0.8)
Newfoundland and Labrador	56.5	45.4	55.5	(1.0)	44.5	35.0	45.2	0.7	21.2	22.9	18.6	(2.6)
Prince Edward Island	18.3	14.6	17.7	(0.6)	16.6	12.7	14.9	(1.7)	9.3	13.0	15.3	6.0
Nova Scotia	101.8	90.4	102.5	0.7	83.5	78.3	87.3	3.8	18.0	13.4	14.8	(3.2)
New Brunswick	79.0	72.8	78.1	(0.9)	67.3	62.4	68.8	1.5	14.8	14.4	11.8	(3.0)
Quebec	761.8	691.1	747.3	(14.5)	660.7	606.0	645.5	(15.2)	13.3	12.3	13.6	0.3
Ontario	1,235.1	1,177.0	1,283.6	48.5	1,029.4	1,016.9	1,082.5	53.1	16.7	13.6	15.7	(1.0)
Manitoba	121.0	113.0	119.2	(1.8)	109.6	101.1	105.6	(4.0)	9.4	10.5	11.5	2.1
Saskatchewan	108.4	100.1	110.1	1.7	95.6	90.8	97.1	1.5	11.8	9.3	11.7	(0.1)
Alberta	381.3	345.3	365.2	(16.1)	343.5	319.6	335.2	(8.3)	9.9	7.4	8.2	(1.7)
British Columbia	391.4	368.8	397.9	6.5	322.7	320.4	336.6	13.9	17.6	13.1	15.4	(2.2)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,465.9**	**17,567.3**	**17,695.8**	**229.9**	**16,090.4**	**16,376.6**	**16,407.3**	**316.9**	**7.9**	**6.8**	**7.3**	**(0.6)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,434.2**	**4,437.1**	**4,513.7**	**79.5**	**4,173.4**	**4,188.5**	**4,274.5**	**101.1**	**5.9**	**5.6**	**5.3**	**(0.6)**
Agriculture	390.4	373.6	378.4	(12.0)	366.2	356.8	359.7	(6.5)	6.2	4.5	4.9	(1.3)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	346.9	345.1	343.4	(3.5)	319.2	317.5	320.6	1.4	8.0	8.0	6.6	(1.4)
Utilities	133.5	138.7	136.1	2.6	132.1	137.4	134.1	2.0	-	-	1.4	1.4
Construction	1,072.4	1,108.9	1,139.4	67.0	1,006.7	1,039.9	1,079.2	72.5	6.1	6.2	5.3	(0.8)
Manufacturing	2,491.0	2,470.6	2,516.5	25.5	2,349.2	2,336.9	2,380.9	31.7	5.7	5.4	5.4	(0.3)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,558.8**	**12,714.3**	**12,735.5**	**176.7**	**11,917.0**	**12,188.1**	**12,132.9**	**215.9**	**5.1**	**4.1**	**4.7**	**(0.4)**
Trade	2,598.4	2,618.6	2,642.6	44.2	2,481.5	2,502.5	2,523.2	41.7	4.5	4.4	4.5	-
Transportation and Warehousing	802.4	870.8	855.0	52.6	768.1	837.5	817.6	49.5	4.3	3.8	4.4	0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	973.1	1,009.5	1,012.4	39.3	943.3	983.1	984.4	41.1	3.1	2.6	2.8	(0.3)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,065.2	1,076.8	1,088.7	23.5	1,017.2	1,032.9	1,047.3	30.1	4.5	4.1	3.8	(0.7)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	734.1	712.2	729.0	(5.1)	650.5	649.4	665.7	15.2	11.4	8.8	8.7	(2.7)
Educational Services	973.1	1,099.9	964.0	(9.1)	894.7	1,069.6	891.5	(3.2)	8.1	2.8	7.5	(0.6)
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,752.0	1,815.0	1,805.3	53.3	1,712.0	1,766.1	1,756.6	44.6	2.3	2.7	2.7	0.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	819.5	795.4	824.4	4.9	774.1	753.1	783.8	9.7	5.5	5.3	4.9	(0.6)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,185.6	1,118.4	1,168.6	(17.0)	1,083.3	1,049.2	1,081.2	(2.1)	8.6	6.2	7.5	(1.1)
Other Services	780.4	736.4	755.3	(25.1)	736.3	705.7	718.8	(17.5)	5.7	4.2	4.8	(0.9)
Public Administration	875.1	861.4	890.2	15.1	856.2	839.0	862.8	6.6	2.2	2.6	3.1	0.9
Unclassified Industries	472.8	415.9	446.6	(26.2)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**497.6**	**503.4**	**508.5**	**10.9**	**451.1**	**463.3**	**466.2**	**15.1**	**9.3**	**8.0**	**8.3**	**(1.0)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**119.7**	**115.8**	**117.0**	**(2.7)**	**106.2**	**106.3**	**106.3**	**0.1**	**11.3**	**8.2**	**9.1**	**(2.2)**
Agriculture	8.4	6.7	8.1	(0.3)	6.9	6.0	7.1	0.2	17.9	11.9	13.6	(4.3)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.8	19.8	19.3	0.5	15.4	17.0	16.3	0.9	18.1	14.1	15.0	(3.1)
Utilities	2.8	3.0	3.1	0.3	2.8	3.0	3.1	0.3	-	-	-	-
Construction	30.6	34.8	33.9	3.3	27.4	31.9	30.6	3.2	10.5	8.3	9.7	(0.8)
Manufacturing	59.0	51.6	52.6	(6.4)	53.7	48.6	49.1	(4.6)	9.0	5.8	6.5	(2.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**366.5**	**377.0**	**380.5**	**14.0**	**344.9**	**356.9**	**359.9**	**15.0**	**5.9**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**(0.5)**
Trade	80.3	83.1	85.0	4.7	75.6	79.0	80.1	4.5	5.9	4.9	5.6	(0.3)
Transportation and Warehousing	22.3	22.1	22.7	0.4	21.4	21.4	21.8	0.4	4.0	3.2	4.0	-
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	23.4	23.2	25.0	1.6	22.6	22.4	25.0	2.4	3.0	3.4	-	(3.0)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.3	22.6	22.3	3.0	18.5	21.0	21.0	2.5	4.1	7.1	5.8	1.7
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	28.1	29.8	31.7	3.6	25.8	25.9	29.0	3.2	8.2	13.4	8.5	0.3
Educational Services	28.4	39.0	32.8	4.4	25.2	37.9	30.1	4.9	11.3	2.8	8.2	(3.1)
Health Care and Social Assistance	56.5	54.6	54.2	(2.3)	54.6	53.5	52.9	(1.7)	3.4	2.0	2.4	(1.0)
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.5	19.8	20.7	1.2	18.4	18.7	19.4	1.0	5.6	5.6	6.3	0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	36.1	34.9	36.3	0.2	32.6	31.9	34.2	1.6	9.7	8.6	5.8	(3.9)
Other Services	23.4	21.3	22.9	(0.5)	21.6	20.2	20.9	(0.7)	7.7	5.2	8.7	1.0
Public Administration	29.1	26.7	26.9	(2.2)	26.5	25.1	25.6	(2.9)	2.1	5.6	5.2	3.1
Unclassified Industries	11.4	10.6	11.1	(0.3)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change	Jul 2003	Jun 2004	Jul 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.5	9.6	9.6	0.1	63.3	61.2	61.8	(1.5)	69.9	67.6	68.5	(1.4)
Halifax	**6.3**	**6.2**	**5.7**	**(0.6)**	**66.5**	**67.3**	**68.2**	**1.7**	**71.1**	**71.7**	**72.3**	**1.2**
Saint John, New Brunswick	10.0	9.2	9.3	(0.7)	58.8	59.4	60.7	1.9	65.3	65.5	67.0	1.7
Saguenay	9.9	10.9	9.4	(0.5)	55.4	58.1	59.4	4.0	61.6	65.2	65.5	3.9
Québec	5.2	5.5	4.7	(0.5)	65.8	63.5	64.3	(1.5)	69.4	67.2	67.5	(1.9)
Trois-Rivières	10.7	10.7	10.6	(0.1)	56.7	54.6	54.8	(1.9)	63.5	61.0	61.3	(2.2)
Sherbrooke	6.9	5.9	6.0	(0.9)	62.7	62.7	64.1	1.4	67.4	66.7	68.2	0.8
Montréal	9.9	7.9	8.1	(1.8)	62.1	62.5	62.7	0.6	68.8	67.9	68.2	(0.6)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.6	7.0	6.8	0.2	68.3	66.0	67.0	(1.3)	73.1	70.9	71.9	(1.2)
Sudbury	8.0	8.8	8.5	0.5	58.1	59.6	59.9	1.8	63.1	65.3	65.4	2.3
Oshawa	5.8	5.2	4.9	(0.9)	70.7	68.5	68.0	(2.7)	75.1	72.3	71.5	(3.6)
Toronto	8.6	7.4	7.9	(0.7)	64.8	65.2	65.5	0.7	70.8	70.4	71.2	0.4
Hamilton	6.4	7.0	6.6	0.2	64.6	65.0	66.5	1.9	69.1	69.9	71.2	2.1
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.3	8.2	7.9	1.6	61.6	56.7	57.9	(3.7)	65.8	61.8	62.8	(3.0)
London	7.2	5.3	5.3	(1.9)	63.5	65.8	67.6	4.1	68.4	69.5	71.4	3.0
Windsor	7.4	8.3	9.1	1.7	62.3	60.5	60.2	(2.1)	67.2	66.0	66.2	(1.0)
Kitchener	6.5	5.4	5.7	(0.8)	66.3	65.9	67.0	0.7	71.0	69.7	71.1	0.1
Thunder Bay	5.8	8.7	8.8	3.0	65.0	61.1	61.3	(3.7)	69.0	66.9	67.2	(1.8)
Winnipeg	4.7	5.4	5.6	0.9	68.1	67.5	67.5	(0.6)	71.5	71.3	71.5	-
Regina	5.8	4.7	4.6	(1.2)	68.1	69.8	70.0	1.9	72.2	73.2	73.3	1.1
Saskatoon	5.9	6.1	6.2	0.3	68.4	66.2	67.3	(1.1)	72.7	70.6	71.7	(1.0)
Calgary	4.9	4.9	4.9	-	72.4	71.9	72.4	-	76.1	75.7	76.1	-
Edmonton	5.3	4.3	4.5	(0.8)	69.5	69.3	69.6	0.1	73.4	72.5	72.8	(0.6)
Vancouver	7.7	7.1	7.0	(0.7)	62.5	63.2	63.7	1.2	67.7	68.1	68.5	0.8
Victoria	7.2	5.2	5.7	(1.5)	59.1	60.7	60.9	1.8	63.7	64.0	64.5	0.8

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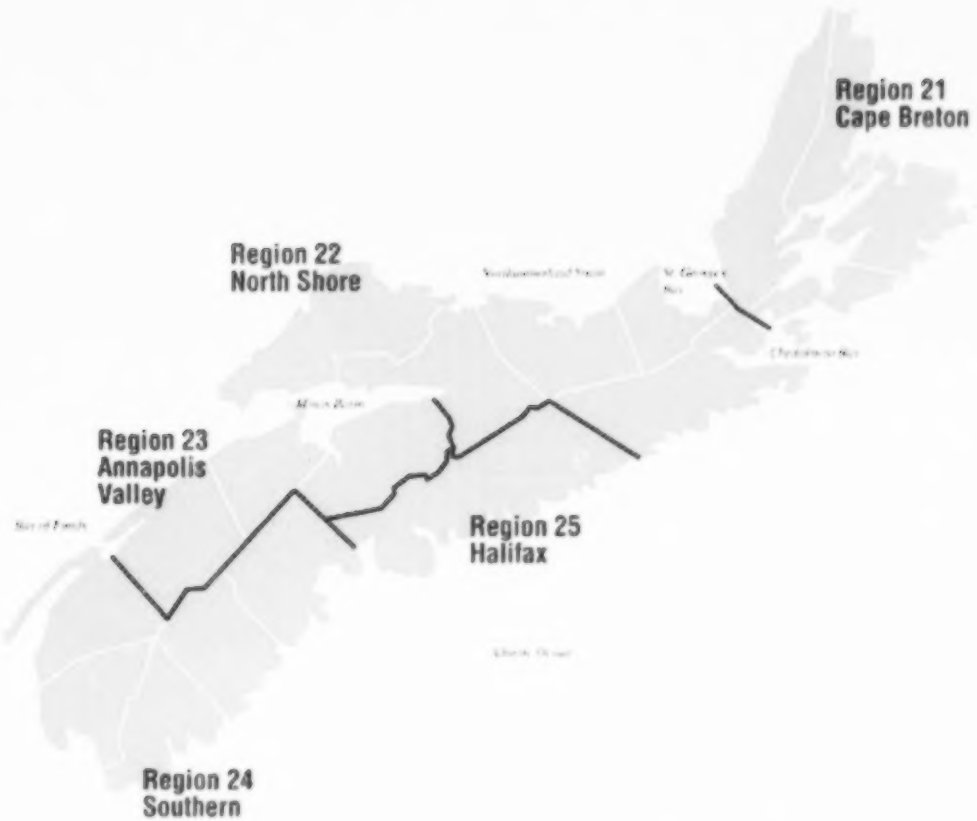

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and employment rates.

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October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,285.8	25,619.9	25,653.4	367.6	25,285.8	25,619.9	25,653.4	367.6
Labour Force ('000)	17,486.0	17,695.8	17,660.4	174.4	17,073.1	17,275.7	17,279.2	206.1
Employment ('000)	16,048.7	16,407.3	16,337.8	289.1	15,715.6	16,040.2	16,033.2	317.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,437.3	1,288.5	1,322.6	(114.7)	1,357.5	1,235.5	1,246.0	(111.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	7.3	7.5	(0.7)	8.0	7.2	7.2	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.1	68.8	(0.4)	67.5	67.4	67.4	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	63.5	64.0	63.7	0.2	62.2	62.6	62.5	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	760.7	764.6	765.1	4.4	760.7	764.6	765.1	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	498.9	508.5	505.6	6.7	483.3	490.4	489.6	6.3
Employment ('000)	449.2	466.2	463.0	13.8	433.3	449.2	446.7	13.4
Unemployed ('000)	49.7	42.3	42.6	(7.1)	50.0	41.3	42.9	(7.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	8.3	8.4	(1.6)	10.3	8.4	8.8	(1.5)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	66.5	66.1	0.5	63.5	64.1	64.0	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	59.1	61.0	60.5	1.4	57.0	58.7	58.4	1.4

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.6	439.4	439.4	0.8	438.6	439.4	439.4	0.8
Labour Force ('000)	275.8	290.0	278.0	2.2	260.4	266.4	264.0	3.6
Employment ('000)	236.6	253.4	238.2	1.6	219.4	226.5	221.2	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	39.2	36.6	39.7	0.5	41.0	39.9	42.8	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.2	12.6	14.3	0.1	15.7	15.0	16.2	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	66.0	63.3	0.4	59.4	60.6	60.1	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	57.7	54.2	0.3	50.0	51.5	50.3	0.3

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.4	114.7	114.7	1.3	113.4	114.7	114.7	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	83.1	83.6	83.3	0.2	77.8	78.3	78.2	0.4
Employment ('000)	76.5	75.9	76.2	(0.3)	69.8	69.5	69.4	(0.4)
Unemployed ('000)	6.6	7.7	7.0	0.4	8.1	8.8	8.8	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	9.2	8.4	0.5	10.4	11.2	11.3	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	72.9	72.6	(0.7)	68.6	68.3	68.2	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	67.5	66.2	66.4	(1.1)	61.6	60.6	60.5	(1.1)

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	610.0	612.7	613.2	3.2	610.0	612.7	613.2	3.2
Labour Force ('000)	401.2	412.6	415.4	14.2	381.5	393.4	397.4	15.9
Employment ('000)	360.3	374.1	376.5	16.2	339.4	354.1	355.7	16.3
Unemployed ('000)	41.0	38.5	38.9	(2.1)	42.0	39.3	41.7	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	9.3	9.4	(0.8)	11.0	10.0	10.5	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	67.3	67.7	1.9	62.5	64.2	64.8	2.3
Employment Rate (%)	59.1	61.1	61.4	2.3	55.6	57.8	58.0	2.4

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,088.1	6,151.1	6,157.6	69.5	6,088.1	6,151.1	6,157.6	69.5
Labour Force ('000)	4,113.2	4,142.7	4,105.0	(8.2)	4,023.3	4,033.1	4,041.1	17.8
Employment ('000)	3,710.3	3,817.2	3,779.1	68.8	3,624.5	3,702.5	3,717.0	92.5
Unemployed ('000)	402.9	325.5	325.9	(77.0)	398.9	330.6	324.1	(74.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	7.9	7.9	(1.9)	9.9	8.2	8.0	(1.9)
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	67.3	66.7	(0.9)	66.1	65.6	65.6	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	62.1	61.4	0.5	59.5	60.2	60.4	0.9

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,800.9	9,961.3	9,977.2	176.3	9,800.9	9,961.3	9,977.2	176.3
Labour Force ('000)	6,854.7	6,971.9	6,961.3	106.6	6,692.5	6,822.0	6,801.7	109.2
Employment ('000)	6,326.3	6,453.1	6,441.4	115.1	6,218.2	6,355.2	6,336.4	118.2
Unemployed ('000)	528.3	518.8	519.8	(8.5)	474.4	466.9	465.3	(9.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.4	7.5	(0.2)	7.1	6.8	6.8	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	70.0	69.8	(0.1)	68.3	68.5	68.2	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	64.8	64.6	0.1	63.4	63.8	63.5	0.1

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	868.8	877.9	878.6	9.8	868.8	877.9	878.6	9.8
Labour Force ('000)	612.1	613.6	620.4	8.3	600.6	604.5	609.2	8.6
Employment ('000)	578.5	578.6	581.0	2.5	571.0	570.8	574.3	3.3
Unemployed ('000)	33.6	35.1	39.4	5.8	29.6	33.7	34.9	5.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.7	6.4	0.9	4.9	5.6	5.7	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	69.9	70.6	0.1	69.1	68.9	69.3	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	65.9	66.1	(0.5)	65.7	65.0	65.4	(0.3)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.8	758.0	758.2	2.4	755.8	758.0	758.2	2.4
Labour Force ('000)	531.8	528.9	528.1	(3.7)	515.7	513.6	515.2	(0.5)
Employment ('000)	499.3	499.9	498.5	(0.8)	486.6	486.8	487.6	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	32.5	29.0	29.5	(3.0)	29.1	26.8	27.6	(1.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.5	5.6	(0.5)	5.6	5.2	5.4	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	69.8	69.7	(0.7)	68.2	67.8	68.0	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	65.9	65.7	(0.4)	64.4	64.2	64.3	(0.1)

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,478.6	2,520.1	2,524.3	45.7	2,478.6	2,520.1	2,524.3	45.7
Labour Force ('000)	1,853.2	1,860.0	1,872.3	19.1	1,819.8	1,829.3	1,843.7	23.9
Employment ('000)	1,751.9	1,772.0	1,781.6	29.7	1,725.9	1,744.2	1,757.9	32.0
Unemployed ('000)	101.3	88.0	90.7	(10.6)	93.9	85.1	85.8	(8.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.7	4.8	(0.7)	5.2	4.7	4.7	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	74.8	73.8	74.2	(0.6)	73.4	72.6	73.0	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	70.7	70.3	70.6	(0.1)	69.6	69.2	69.6	-

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,370.9	3,420.1	3,425.3	54.4	3,370.9	3,420.1	3,425.3	54.4
Labour Force ('000)	2,262.0	2,284.0	2,291.1	29.1	2,218.1	2,244.9	2,239.1	21.0
Employment ('000)	2,059.9	2,116.9	2,102.2	42.3	2,027.5	2,081.5	2,067.0	39.5
Unemployed ('000)	202.2	167.0	189.0	(13.2)	190.6	163.3	172.1	(18.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	7.3	8.2	(0.7)	8.6	7.3	7.7	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	66.8	66.9	(0.2)	65.8	65.6	65.4	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	61.9	61.4	0.3	60.1	60.9	60.3	0.2

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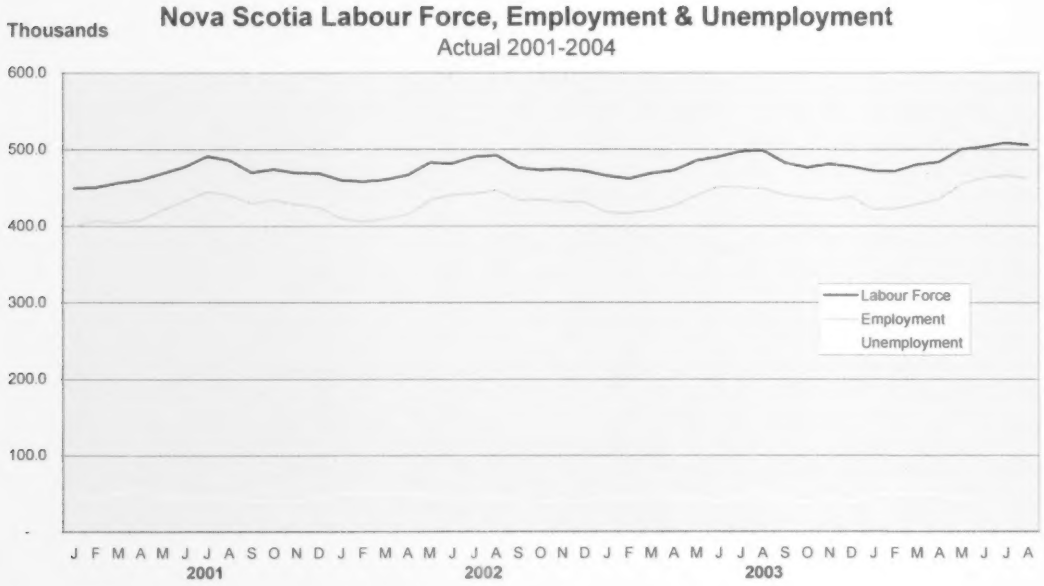
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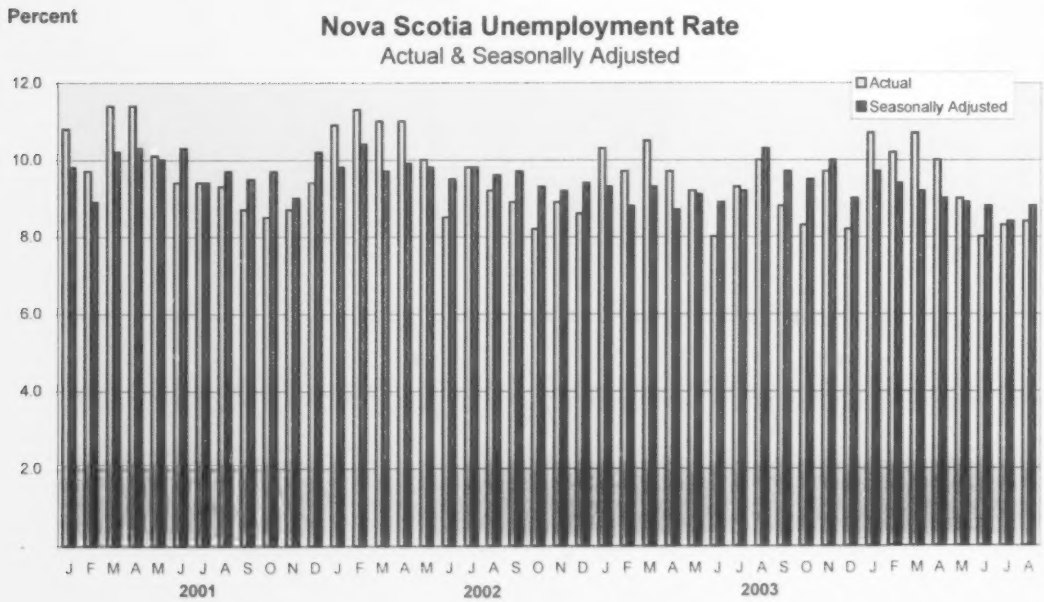
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,263.1	25,589.2	25,622.0	358.9	760.1	764.2	764.6	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	17,423.7	17,552.9	17,641.2	217.5	495.7	504.0	505.8	10.1
Employment ('000)	16,071.3	16,300.5	16,373.9	302.6	450.5	461.4	464.2	13.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,352.5	1,252.4	1,267.3	(85.2)	45.2	42.5	41.7	(3.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.1	7.2	(0.6)	9.1	8.4	8.2	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.6	68.9	(0.1)	65.2	66.0	66.2	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	63.7	63.9	0.3	59.3	60.4	60.7	1.4

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.1	102.6	102.7	0.6	119.7	118.9	118.8	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	63.7	66.5	68.1	4.4	67.3	68.9	68.6	1.3
Employment ('000)	58.0	60.7	62.6	4.6	56.5	59.4	58.8	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	5.8	5.6	(0.1)	10.8	9.5	9.8	(1.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.7	8.2	(0.7)	16.0	13.8	14.3	(1.7)
Participation Rate (%)	62.4	64.8	66.3	3.9	56.2	57.9	57.7	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	56.8	59.2	61.0	4.2	47.2	50.0	49.5	2.3

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	300.6	304.6	305.0	4.4	288.6	292.5	292.9	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	213.5	217.2	217.6	4.1	206.9	211.5	211.8	4.9
Employment ('000)	198.9	204.7	205.6	6.7	192.8	199.5	200.3	7.5
Unemployed ('000)	14.6	12.5	12.0	(2.6)	14.1	12.0	11.5	(2.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	5.8	5.5	(1.3)	6.8	5.7	5.4	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	71.0	71.3	71.3	0.3	71.7	72.3	72.3	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	66.2	67.2	67.4	1.2	66.8	68.2	68.4	1.6

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.4	133.5	0.2	104.4	104.7	104.7	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	84.2	85.1	84.7	0.5	67.1	66.3	66.7	(0.4)
Employment ('000)	76.6	76.9	77.0	0.4	60.6	59.7	60.3	(0.3)
Unemployed ('000)	7.7	8.2	7.7	-	6.5	6.6	6.5	-
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	9.6	9.1	-	9.7	10.0	9.7	-
Participation Rate (%)	63.2	63.8	63.4	0.2	64.3	63.3	63.7	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	57.5	57.6	57.7	0.2	58.0	57.0	57.6	(0.4)

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,715.6	16,040.2	16,033.2	317.6	12,755.9	13,059.3	13,074.7	318.8	2,959.7	2,980.9	2,958.5	(1.2)
Newfoundland and Labrador	219.4	226.5	221.2	1.8	189.3	192.3	190.2	0.9	30.2	34.2	31.0	0.8
Prince Edward Island	69.8	69.5	69.4	(0.4)	58.7	57.5	57.7	(1.0)	11.0	12.0	11.6	0.6
Nova Scotia	433.3	449.2	446.7	13.4	349.9	363.3	366.5	16.6	83.4	85.8	80.2	(3.2)
New Brunswick	339.4	354.1	355.7	16.3	287.3	297.7	296.9	9.6	52.1	56.4	58.9	6.8
Quebec	3,624.5	3,702.5	3,717.0	92.5	2,971.5	3,022.2	3,044.3	72.8	652.9	680.3	672.6	19.7
Ontario	6,218.2	6,355.2	6,336.4	118.2	5,072.5	5,206.9	5,205.6	133.1	1,145.7	1,148.3	1,130.9	(14.8)
Manitoba	571.0	570.8	574.3	3.3	458.1	457.3	465.8	7.7	113.0	113.5	108.5	(4.5)
Saskatchewan	486.6	486.8	487.6	1.0	388.2	389.2	389.5	1.3	98.3	97.7	98.0	(0.3)
Alberta	1,725.9	1,744.2	1,757.9	32.0	1,415.4	1,435.9	1,434.9	19.5	310.4	308.3	323.0	12.6
British Columbia	2,027.5	2,081.5	2,067.0	39.5	1,565.6	1,636.9	1,623.3	57.7	462.0	444.6	443.7	(18.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Canada	16,048.7	16,407.3	16,337.8	289.1	13,443.8	13,744.1	13,745.5	301.7	2,604.9	2,663.2	2,592.3	(12.6)
Newfoundland and Labrador	236.6	253.4	238.2	1.6	209.9	221.4	210.8	0.9	26.6	32.1	27.5	0.9
Prince Edward Island	76.5	75.9	76.2	(0.3)	68.1	66.1	67.1	(1.0)	8.4	9.8	9.1	0.7
Nova Scotia	449.2	466.2	463.0	13.8	376.8	390.7	394.3	17.5	72.4	75.5	68.7	(3.7)
New Brunswick	360.3	374.1	376.5	16.2	315.9	325.2	326.1	10.2	44.4	48.9	50.4	6.0
Quebec	3,710.3	3,817.2	3,779.1	68.8	3,157.6	3,248.8	3,219.7	62.1	552.7	568.4	559.4	6.7
Ontario	6,326.3	6,453.1	6,441.4	115.1	5,300.3	5,403.9	5,434.4	134.1	1,026.0	1,049.2	1,007.0	(19.0)
Manitoba	578.5	578.6	581.0	2.5	482.6	482.3	489.2	6.6	95.9	96.3	91.7	(4.2)
Saskatchewan	499.3	499.9	498.5	(0.8)	413.3	410.5	412.8	(0.5)	86.1	89.4	85.7	(0.4)
Alberta	1,751.9	1,772.0	1,781.6	29.7	1,487.2	1,498.5	1,501.4	14.2	264.7	273.5	280.2	15.5
British Columbia	2,059.9	2,116.9	2,102.2	42.3	1,632.1	1,696.8	1,689.6	57.5	427.7	420.1	412.5	(15.2)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,792.7	2,814.9	2,790.1	(2.6)	2,391.3	2,436.9	2,409.0	17.7	14.4	13.4	13.7	(0.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	40.3	39.3	39.2	(1.1)	31.1	30.9	29.9	(1.2)	22.8	21.4	23.7	0.9
Prince Edward Island	14.3	13.8	13.5	(0.8)	12.7	10.8	11.0	(1.7)	11.2	21.7	18.5	7.3
Nova Scotia	82.1	83.5	83.3	1.2	65.6	71.7	70.9	5.3	20.1	14.1	14.9	(5.2)
New Brunswick	60.7	62.6	62.3	1.6	48.7	54.3	53.2	4.5	19.8	13.3	14.6	(5.2)
Quebec	651.1	631.2	643.2	(7.9)	555.5	543.2	550.7	(4.8)	14.7	13.9	14.4	(0.3)
Ontario	1,055.0	1,099.0	1,074.0	19.0	895.6	942.5	920.6	25.0	15.1	14.2	14.3	(0.8)
Manitoba	108.1	106.9	108.8	0.7	97.7	93.9	95.4	(2.3)	9.6	12.2	12.3	2.7
Saskatchewan	93.6	94.0	93.8	0.2	83.9	84.1	83.6	(0.3)	10.4	10.5	11.0	0.6
Alberta	338.0	327.9	333.3	(4.7)	308.0	300.4	302.4	(5.6)	8.9	8.4	9.3	0.4
British Columbia	349.4	356.8	338.6	(10.8)	292.5	305.1	291.4	(1.1)	16.3	14.5	14.0	(2.3)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
Canada	3,168.7	3,277.0	3,136.4	(32.3)	2,740.5	2,818.8	2,735.6	(4.9)	13.5	14.0	12.8	(0.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	51.1	55.5	49.5	(1.6)	41.4	45.2	39.8	(1.6)	19.0	18.6	19.6	0.6
Prince Edward Island	18.0	17.7	16.9	(1.1)	16.7	14.9	15.0	(1.7)	6.7	15.3	11.2	4.5
Nova Scotia	96.7	102.5	98.8	2.1	80.4	87.3	86.4	6.0	16.8	14.8	12.6	(4.2)
New Brunswick	74.3	78.1	75.4	1.1	62.6	68.8	66.4	3.8	15.7	11.8	11.8	(3.9)
Quebec	727.6	747.3	701.7	(25.9)	632.2	645.5	607.5	(24.7)	13.1	13.6	13.4	0.3
Ontario	1,214.1	1,283.6	1,225.8	11.7	1,033.9	1,082.5	1,056.4	22.5	14.8	15.7	13.8	(1.0)
Manitoba	118.2	119.2	118.4	0.2	108.7	105.6	105.8	(2.9)	8.0	11.5	10.6	2.6
Saskatchewan	108.2	110.1	106.8	(1.4)	97.8	97.1	96.3	(1.5)	9.7	11.7	9.8	0.1
Alberta	373.9	365.2	366.6	(7.3)	342.4	335.2	335.7	(6.7)	8.5	8.2	8.4	(0.1)
British Columbia	386.6	397.9	376.5	(10.1)	324.4	336.6	326.2	1.8	16.1	15.4	13.4	(2.7)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,486.0**	**17,695.8**	**17,660.4**	**174.4**	**16,048.7**	**16,407.3**	**16,337.8**	**289.1**	**8.2**	**7.3**	**7.5**	**(0.7)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,435.7**	**4,513.7**	**4,484.2**	**48.5**	**4,184.5**	**4,274.5**	**4,270.4**	**85.9**	**5.7**	**5.3**	**4.8**	**(0.9)**
Agriculture	390.8	378.4	370.0	(20.8)	369.3	359.7	355.4	(13.9)	5.5	4.9	3.9	(1.6)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	335.8	343.4	342.9	7.1	309.1	320.6	322.5	13.4	8.0	6.6	5.9	(2.1)
Utilities	138.4	136.1	142.1	3.7	135.3	134.1	138.8	3.5	2.2	1.4	2.4	0.2
Construction	1,076.9	1,139.4	1,139.1	62.2	1,011.3	1,079.2	1,086.2	74.9	6.1	5.3	4.6	(1.5)
Manufacturing	2,493.8	2,516.5	2,490.1	(3.7)	2,359.5	2,380.9	2,367.5	8.0	5.4	5.4	4.9	(0.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,594.5**	**12,735.5**	**12,756.6**	**162.1**	**11,864.3**	**12,132.9**	**12,067.4**	**203.1**	**5.8**	**4.7**	**5.4**	**(0.4)**
Trade	2,595.7	2,642.6	2,630.4	34.7	2,480.0	2,523.2	2,501.1	21.1	4.5	4.5	4.9	0.4
Transportation and Warehousing	820.3	855.0	848.6	28.3	775.7	817.6	813.0	37.3	5.4	4.4	4.2	(1.2)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	969.2	1,012.4	1,035.4	66.2	943.2	984.4	1,010.5	67.3	2.7	2.8	2.4	(0.3)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,049.0	1,088.7	1,079.9	30.9	1,004.1	1,047.3	1,036.9	32.8	4.3	3.8	4.0	(0.3)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	719.8	729.0	735.0	15.2	631.8	665.7	673.5	41.7	12.2	8.7	8.4	(3.8)
Educational Services	1,030.3	964.0	1,018.0	(12.3)	886.1	891.5	858.0	(28.1)	14.0	7.5	15.7	1.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,738.2	1,805.3	1,809.0	70.8	1,692.0	1,756.6	1,755.4	63.4	2.7	2.7	3.0	0.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	825.3	824.4	833.7	8.4	773.9	783.8	799.3	25.4	6.2	4.9	4.1	(2.1)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,179.9	1,168.6	1,130.5	(49.4)	1,078.3	1,081.2	1,048.2	(29.1)	8.6	7.5	7.2	(1.4)
Other Services	778.6	755.3	761.9	(16.7)	733.5	718.8	721.5	(12.0)	5.8	4.8	5.3	(0.5)
Public Administration	888.2	890.2	874.0	(14.2)	865.5	862.8	849.1	(16.4)	2.6	3.1	2.9	0.3
Unclassified Industries	455.8	446.6	419.6	(36.2)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**498.9**	**508.5**	**505.6**	**6.7**	**449.2**	**466.2**	**463.0**	**13.8**	**10.0**	**8.3**	**8.4**	**(1.6)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**114.5**	**117.0**	**116.4**	**1.9**	**101.8**	**106.3**	**104.8**	**3.0**	**11.1**	**9.1**	**10.0**	**(1.1)**
Agriculture	8.9	8.1	7.7	(1.2)	7.8	7.1	6.5	(1.3)	12.4	13.6	15.6	3.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	17.2	19.3	17.8	0.6	14.0	16.3	14.9	0.9	18.6	15.0	16.3	(2.3)
Utilities	2.9	3.1	3.3	0.4	2.8	3.1	3.1	0.3	-	-	-	-
Construction	28.8	33.9	34.4	5.6	26.0	30.6	30.2	4.2	10.1	9.7	12.5	2.4
Manufacturing	56.6	52.6	53.2	(3.4)	51.3	49.1	50.1	(1.2)	9.4	6.5	5.8	(3.6)
Services-Producing Sector	**373.6**	**380.5**	**378.6**	**5.0**	**347.3**	**359.9**	**358.2**	**10.9**	**7.0**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**(1.6)**
Trade	78.7	85.0	86.1	7.4	74.1	80.1	82.7	8.6	5.8	5.6	3.9	(1.9)
Transportation and Warehousing	23.2	22.7	22.7	(0.5)	21.4	21.8	21.4	-	7.8	4.0	5.7	(2.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.3	25.0	24.3	2.0	21.5	25.0	23.9	2.4	3.6	-	-	(3.6)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.7	22.3	20.7	1.0	18.6	21.0	19.9	1.3	5.6	5.8	3.9	(1.7)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	28.0	31.7	29.8	1.8	24.6	29.0	26.7	2.1	12.1	8.5	10.7	(1.4)
Educational Services	32.2	32.8	34.2	2.0	26.4	30.1	29.2	2.8	18.0	8.2	14.6	(3.4)
Health Care and Social Assistance	57.3	54.2	51.7	(5.6)	55.7	52.9	50.1	(5.6)	2.6	2.4	3.1	0.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.0	20.7	20.8	(1.2)	20.9	19.4	20.6	(0.3)	5.0	6.3	-	(5.0)
Accommodation and Food Services	37.3	36.3	36.9	(0.4)	35.0	34.2	35.0	-	6.2	5.8	5.1	(1.1)
Other Services	23.2	22.9	23.9	0.7	19.8	20.9	22.1	2.3	14.2	8.7	7.5	(6.7)
Public Administration	29.7	26.9	27.5	(2.2)	29.3	25.6	26.7	(2.6)	-	5.2	2.9	2.9
Unclassified Industries	10.8	11.1	10.5	(0.3)	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change	Aug 2003	Jul 2004	Aug 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.3	9.6	9.3	-	63.5	61.8	62.0	(1.5)	70.0	68.5	68.4	(1.6)
Halifax	**6.8**	**5.7**	**5.4**	**(1.4)**	**66.8**	**68.2**	**68.4**	**1.6**	**71.7**	**72.3**	**72.3**	**0.6**
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.3	9.3	8.5	(0.8)	58.8	60.7	61.5	2.7	64.8	67.0	67.3	2.5
Saguenay	9.5	9.4	9.0	(0.5)	57.0	59.4	59.2	2.2	62.9	65.5	65.1	2.2
Québec	5.5	4.7	4.7	(0.8)	65.9	64.3	64.2	(1.7)	69.7	67.5	67.3	(2.4)
Trois-Rivières	11.2	10.6	10.7	(0.5)	56.0	54.8	55.0	(1.0)	63.1	61.3	61.6	(1.5)
Sherbrooke	7.8	6.0	6.4	(1.4)	63.4	64.1	64.2	0.8	68.7	68.2	68.5	(0.2)
Montréal	10.1	8.1	8.4	(1.7)	62.0	62.7	62.6	0.6	69.0	68.2	68.4	(0.6)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.6	6.8	7.0	0.4	68.2	67.0	66.4	(1.8)	73.0	71.9	71.4	(1.6)
Sudbury	9.0	8.5	8.1	(0.9)	58.2	59.9	59.9	1.7	63.9	65.4	65.2	1.3
Oshawa	5.7	4.9	5.4	(0.3)	70.7	68.0	66.6	(4.1)	74.9	71.5	70.4	(4.5)
Toronto	8.9	7.9	8.2	(0.7)	64.8	65.5	65.6	0.8	71.1	71.2	71.5	0.4
Hamilton	6.6	6.6	6.3	(0.3)	65.4	66.5	66.8	1.4	70.0	71.2	71.2	1.2
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.3	7.9	7.3	1.0	62.6	57.9	58.6	(4.0)	66.7	62.8	63.1	(3.6)
London	7.2	5.3	5.3	(1.9)	64.0	67.6	68.4	4.4	69.0	71.4	72.2	3.2
Windsor	7.4	9.1	9.8	2.4	62.9	60.2	60.5	(2.4)	67.8	66.2	67.0	(0.8)
Kitchener	6.5	5.7	6.0	(0.5)	66.2	67.0	67.3	1.1	70.8	71.1	71.6	0.8
Thunder Bay	5.6	8.8	8.8	3.2	64.9	61.3	61.2	(3.7)	68.8	67.2	67.1	(1.7)
Winnipeg	5.1	5.6	6.1	1.0	68.0	67.5	67.3	(0.7)	71.6	71.5	71.6	-
Regina	6.2	4.6	4.4	(1.8)	68.3	70.0	69.5	1.2	72.8	73.3	72.7	(0.1)
Saskatoon	6.0	6.2	6.1	0.1	68.6	67.3	68.2	(0.4)	73.0	71.7	72.7	(0.3)
Calgary	4.9	4.9	5.1	0.2	72.7	72.4	72.4	(0.3)	76.4	76.1	76.2	(0.2)
Edmonton	5.1	4.5	4.7	(0.4)	69.7	69.6	69.5	(0.2)	73.4	72.8	72.9	(0.5)
Vancouver	8.0	7.0	7.2	(0.8)	63.2	63.7	63.6	0.4	68.7	68.5	68.5	(0.2)
Victoria	7.2	5.7	6.1	(1.1)	59.8	60.9	60.9	1.1	64.4	64.5	64.8	0.4

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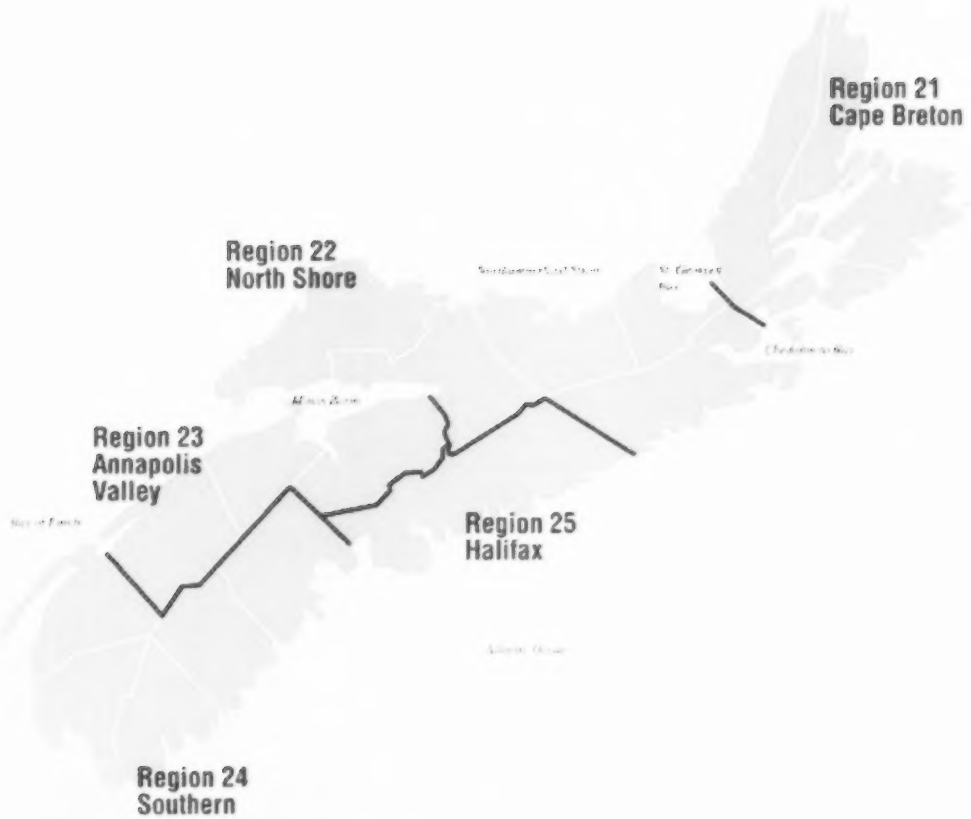

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and employment rates.

Release Dates - 2004:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
March 2004	April 8, 2004
April 2004	May 7, 2004
May 2004	June 4, 2004
June 2004	July 9, 2004
July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,321.2	25,653.4	25,681.3	360.1	25,321.2	25,653.4	25,681.3	360.1
Labour Force ('000)	17,092.8	17,660.4	17,277.9	185.1	17,120.5	17,279.2	17,297.8	177.3
Employment ('000)	15,832.6	16,337.8	16,144.1	311.5	15,760.6	16,033.2	16,076.4	315.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,260.1	1,322.6	1,133.7	(126.4)	1,359.9	1,246.0	1,221.4	(138.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.5	6.6	(0.8)	7.9	7.2	7.1	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	68.8	67.3	(0.2)	67.6	67.4	67.4	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	62.5	63.7	62.9	0.4	62.2	62.5	62.6	0.4

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	761.0	765.1	765.4	4.4	761.0	765.1	765.4	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	482.8	505.6	489.7	6.9	482.8	489.6	490.0	7.2
Employment ('000)	440.4	463.0	450.3	9.9	436.1	446.7	446.9	10.8
Unemployed ('000)	42.5	42.6	39.3	(3.2)	46.7	42.9	43.1	(3.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.4	8.0	(0.8)	9.7	8.8	8.8	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	66.1	64.0	0.6	63.4	64.0	64.0	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	60.5	58.8	0.9	57.3	58.4	58.4	1.1

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.7	439.4	439.8	1.1	438.7	439.4	439.8	1.1
Labour Force ('000)	265.6	278.0	263.6	(2.0)	263.5	264.0	261.0	(2.5)
Employment ('000)	228.1	238.2	227.9	(0.2)	219.7	221.2	219.5	(0.2)
Unemployed ('000)	37.5	39.7	35.7	(1.8)	43.8	42.8	41.5	(2.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.1	14.3	13.5	(0.6)	16.6	16.2	15.9	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	60.5	63.3	59.9	(0.6)	60.1	60.1	59.3	(0.8)
Employment Rate (%)	52.0	54.2	51.8	(0.2)	50.1	50.3	49.9	(0.2)

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.5	114.7	114.8	1.3	113.5	114.7	114.8	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	78.1	83.3	79.3	1.2	77.0	78.2	78.1	1.1
Employment ('000)	72.3	76.2	72.8	0.5	69.0	69.4	69.3	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	5.8	7.0	6.5	0.7	8.0	8.8	8.8	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	8.4	8.2	0.8	10.4	11.3	11.3	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	72.6	69.1	0.3	67.8	68.2	68.0	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	66.4	63.4	(0.3)	60.8	60.5	60.4	(0.4)

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	610.2	613.2	613.6	3.4	610.2	613.2	613.6	3.4
Labour Force ('000)	386.3	415.4	398.4	12.1	384.1	397.4	394.5	10.4
Employment ('000)	354.1	376.5	367.8	13.7	343.5	355.7	356.7	13.2
Unemployed ('000)	32.2	38.9	30.7	(1.5)	40.6	41.7	37.9	(2.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	9.4	7.7	(0.6)	10.6	10.5	9.6	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	63.3	67.7	64.9	1.6	62.9	64.8	64.3	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	58.0	61.4	59.9	1.9	56.3	58.0	58.1	1.8

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,095.2	6,157.6	6,163.1	67.9	6,095.2	6,157.6	6,163.1	67.9
Labour Force ('000)	3,999.8	4,105.0	4,059.2	59.4	4,017.3	4,041.1	4,071.7	54.4
Employment ('000)	3,656.5	3,779.1	3,752.2	95.7	3,633.6	3,717.0	3,732.5	98.9
Unemployed ('000)	343.2	325.9	307.1	(36.1)	383.6	324.1	339.2	(44.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	7.9	7.6	(1.0)	9.5	8.0	8.3	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	66.7	65.9	0.3	65.9	65.6	66.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	61.4	60.9	0.9	59.6	60.4	60.6	1.0

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,819.2	9,977.2	9,991.2	172.0	9,819.2	9,977.2	9,991.2	172.0
Labour Force ('000)	6,723.6	6,961.3	6,767.8	44.2	6,735.6	6,801.7	6,780.5	44.9
Employment ('000)	6,249.3	6,441.4	6,334.5	85.2	6,251.8	6,336.4	6,341.1	89.3
Unemployed ('000)	474.3	519.8	433.4	(40.9)	483.8	465.3	439.4	(44.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.5	6.4	(0.7)	7.2	6.8	6.5	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.8	67.7	(0.8)	68.6	68.2	67.9	(0.7)
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	64.6	63.4	(0.2)	63.7	63.5	63.5	(0.2)

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	869.6	878.6	879.0	9.4	869.6	878.6	879.0	9.4
Labour Force ('000)	597.9	620.4	612.2	14.3	598.3	609.2	612.0	13.7
Employment ('000)	567.3	581.0	581.1	13.8	563.7	574.3	577.8	14.1
Unemployed ('000)	30.6	39.4	31.1	0.5	34.6	34.9	34.2	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	6.4	5.1	-	5.8	5.7	5.6	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.8	70.6	69.6	0.8	68.8	69.3	69.6	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	66.1	66.1	0.9	64.8	65.4	65.7	0.9

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.0	758.2	758.3	2.3	756.0	758.2	758.3	2.3
Labour Force ('000)	513.3	528.1	519.8	6.5	512.0	515.2	518.2	6.2
Employment ('000)	488.2	498.5	493.4	5.2	482.8	487.6	488.3	5.5
Unemployed ('000)	25.1	29.5	26.4	1.3	29.2	27.6	29.9	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.6	5.1	0.2	5.7	5.4	5.8	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	69.7	68.5	0.6	67.7	68.0	68.3	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	65.7	65.1	0.5	63.9	64.3	64.4	0.5

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,483.6	2,524.3	2,528.1	44.5	2,483.6	2,524.3	2,528.1	44.5
Labour Force ('000)	1,819.5	1,872.3	1,848.9	29.4	1,826.4	1,843.7	1,853.9	27.5
Employment ('000)	1,739.5	1,781.6	1,769.5	30.0	1,735.2	1,757.9	1,764.4	29.2
Unemployed ('000)	80.0	90.7	79.4	(0.6)	91.2	85.8	89.5	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.4	4.8	4.3	(0.1)	5.0	4.7	4.8	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	74.2	73.1	(0.2)	73.5	73.0	73.3	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	70.0	70.6	70.0	-	69.9	69.6	69.8	(0.1)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,374.2	3,425.3	3,428.0	53.8	3,374.2	3,425.3	3,428.0	53.8
Labour Force ('000)	2,226.0	2,291.1	2,238.9	12.9	2,223.6	2,239.1	2,237.9	14.3
Employment ('000)	2,037.1	2,102.2	2,094.7	57.6	2,025.2	2,067.0	2,079.9	54.7
Unemployed ('000)	188.8	189.0	144.2	(44.6)	198.3	172.1	157.9	(40.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.2	6.4	(2.1)	8.9	7.7	7.1	(1.8)
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	66.9	65.3	(0.7)	65.9	65.4	65.3	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	61.4	61.1	0.7	60.0	60.3	60.7	0.7

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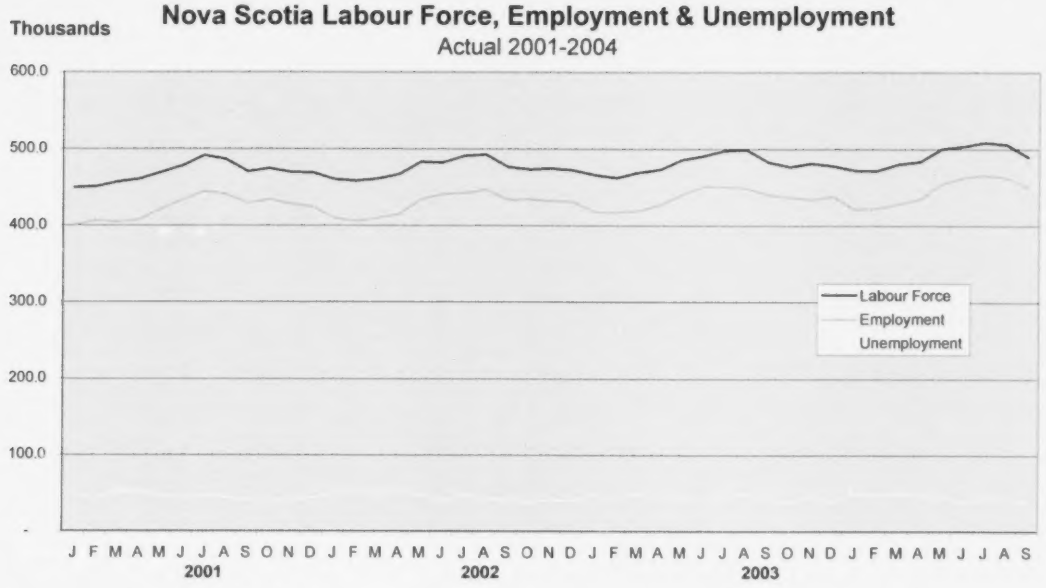
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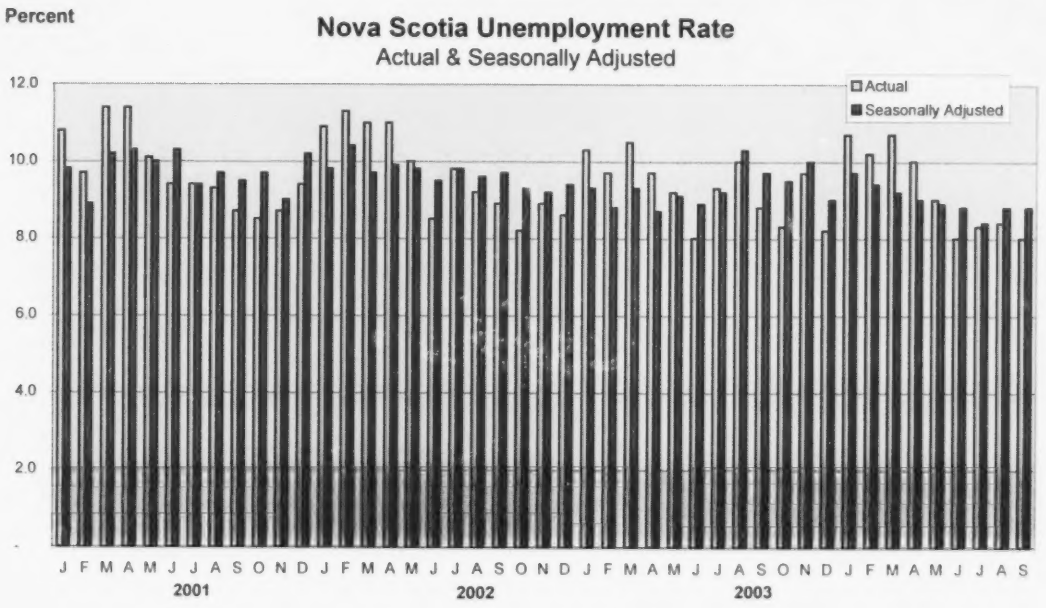
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	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,290.3	25,622.0	25,651.5	361.2	760.6	764.6	765.0	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	17,348.2	17,641.2	17,544.7	196.5	493.1	505.8	501.3	8.2
Employment ('000)	15,990.6	16,373.9	16,296.4	305.8	446.9	464.2	459.8	12.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,357.6	1,267.3	1,248.3	(109.3)	46.2	41.7	41.4	(4.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.2	7.1	(0.7)	9.4	8.2	8.3	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.9	68.4	(0.2)	64.8	66.2	65.5	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	63.2	63.9	63.5	0.3	58.8	60.7	60.1	1.3

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.1	102.7	102.7	0.6	119.7	118.8	118.7	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	63.9	68.1	68.8	4.9	65.6	68.6	66.7	1.1
Employment ('000)	58.5	62.6	63.3	4.8	54.8	58.8	56.3	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	5.4	5.6	5.5	0.1	10.8	9.8	10.4	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	8.2	8.0	(0.5)	16.5	14.3	15.6	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	62.6	66.3	67.0	4.4	54.8	57.7	56.2	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	61.0	61.6	4.3	45.8	49.5	47.4	1.6

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	301.0	305.0	305.3	4.3	289.0	292.9	293.2	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	212.7	217.6	216.1	3.4	206.2	211.8	210.3	4.1
Employment ('000)	197.4	205.6	204.1	6.7	191.7	200.3	199.1	7.4
Unemployed ('000)	15.3	12.0	12.0	(3.3)	14.5	11.5	11.2	(3.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	5.5	5.6	(1.6)	7.0	5.4	5.3	(1.7)
Participation Rate (%)	70.7	71.3	70.8	0.1	71.3	72.3	71.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	67.4	66.9	1.3	66.3	68.4	67.9	1.6

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.5	133.5	0.2	104.5	104.7	104.8	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	84.3	84.7	83.4	(0.9)	66.7	66.7	66.3	(0.4)
Employment ('000)	75.9	77.0	75.7	(0.2)	60.2	60.3	60.4	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	8.3	7.7	7.7	(0.6)	6.5	6.5	5.9	(0.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	9.1	9.2	(0.6)	9.7	9.7	8.9	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	63.2	63.4	62.5	(0.7)	63.8	63.7	63.3	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	56.9	57.7	56.7	(0.2)	57.6	57.6	57.6	-

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Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,760.6	16,033.2	16,076.4	315.8	12,787.2	13,074.7	13,146.5	359.3	2,973.4	2,958.5	2,929.9	(43.5)
Newfoundland and Labrador	219.7	221.2	219.5	(0.2)	188.5	190.2	187.6	(0.9)	31.2	31.0	31.9	0.7
Prince Edward Island	69.0	69.4	69.3	0.3	57.2	57.7	57.1	(0.1)	11.8	11.6	12.2	0.4
Nova Scotia	436.1	446.7	446.9	10.8	351.8	366.5	365.3	13.5	84.3	80.2	81.6	(2.7)
New Brunswick	343.5	355.7	356.7	13.2	291.5	296.9	300.1	8.6	52.0	58.9	56.6	4.6
Quebec	3,633.6	3,717.0	3,732.5	98.9	2,959.5	3,044.3	3,071.3	111.8	674.1	672.6	661.2	(12.9)
Ontario	6,251.8	6,336.4	6,341.1	89.3	5,119.6	5,205.6	5,222.9	103.3	1,132.1	1,130.9	1,118.1	(14.0)
Manitoba	563.7	574.3	577.8	14.1	452.0	465.8	462.6	10.6	111.7	108.5	115.1	3.4
Saskatchewan	482.8	487.6	488.3	5.5	380.5	389.5	391.0	10.5	102.3	98.0	97.3	(5.0)
Alberta	1,735.2	1,757.9	1,764.4	29.2	1,420.8	1,434.9	1,439.9	19.1	314.3	323.0	324.5	10.2
British Columbia	2,025.2	2,067.0	2,079.9	54.7	1,565.9	1,623.3	1,648.6	82.7	459.4	443.7	431.3	(28.1)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,832.6	16,337.8	16,144.1	311.5	12,879.3	13,745.5	13,242.5	363.2	2,953.3	2,592.3	2,901.6	(51.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	228.1	238.2	227.9	(0.2)	197.2	210.8	196.2	(1.0)	30.9	27.5	31.7	0.8
Prince Edward Island	72.3	76.2	72.8	0.5	60.9	67.1	60.7	(0.2)	11.4	9.1	12.1	0.7
Nova Scotia	440.4	463.0	450.3	9.9	356.0	394.3	368.7	12.7	84.3	68.7	81.6	(2.7)
New Brunswick	354.1	376.5	367.8	13.7	302.6	326.1	312.4	9.8	51.4	50.4	55.4	4.0
Quebec	3,656.5	3,779.1	3,752.2	95.7	2,988.1	3,219.7	3,102.3	114.2	668.4	559.4	649.8	(18.6)
Ontario	6,249.3	6,441.4	6,334.5	85.2	5,126.6	5,434.4	5,231.2	104.6	1,122.7	1,007.0	1,103.3	(19.4)
Manitoba	567.3	581.0	581.1	13.8	455.1	489.2	464.3	9.2	112.2	91.7	116.8	4.6
Saskatchewan	488.2	498.5	493.4	5.2	386.2	412.8	395.1	8.9	102.0	85.7	98.3	(3.7)
Alberta	1,739.5	1,781.6	1,769.5	30.0	1,426.5	1,501.4	1,444.0	17.5	313.0	280.2	325.4	12.4
British Columbia	2,037.1	2,102.2	2,094.7	57.6	1,580.2	1,689.6	1,667.6	87.4	456.9	412.5	427.1	(29.8)

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,803.6	2,790.1	2,816.0	12.4	2,398.0	2,409.0	2,434.8	36.8	14.5	13.7	13.5	(1.0)
Newfoundland and Labrador	40.8	39.2	38.6	(2.2)	31.8	29.9	29.6	(2.2)	22.1	23.7	23.3	1.2
Prince Edward Island	13.7	13.5	13.2	(0.5)	12.0	11.0	11.0	(1.0)	12.4	18.5	16.7	4.3
Nova Scotia	82.9	83.3	84.2	1.3	69.6	70.9	71.5	1.9	16.2	14.9	15.1	(1.1)
New Brunswick	64.0	62.3	62.7	(1.3)	51.5	53.2	54.3	2.8	19.5	14.6	13.6	(5.9)
Quebec	641.9	643.2	655.1	13.2	547.0	550.7	554.8	7.8	14.8	14.4	15.3	0.5
Ontario	1,076.7	1,074.0	1,067.1	(9.6)	912.3	920.6	919.9	7.6	15.3	14.3	13.8	(1.5)
Manitoba	107.8	108.8	109.9	2.1	95.4	95.4	97.2	1.8	11.5	12.3	11.6	0.1
Saskatchewan	89.4	93.8	94.9	5.5	79.2	83.6	85.1	5.9	11.4	11.0	10.4	(1.0)
Alberta	338.1	333.3	342.2	4.1	306.0	302.4	312.4	6.4	9.5	9.3	8.7	(0.8)
British Columbia	348.2	338.6	348.0	(0.2)	293.1	291.4	299.1	6.0	15.8	14.0	14.1	(1.7)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,722.5	3,136.4	2,735.4	12.9	2,337.1	2,735.6	2,372.9	35.8	14.2	12.8	13.3	(0.9)
Newfoundland and Labrador	38.7	49.5	36.6	(2.1)	30.2	39.8	28.1	(2.1)	22.0	19.6	23.5	1.5
Prince Edward Island	13.5	16.9	13.0	(0.5)	12.0	15.0	11.1	(0.9)	11.1	11.2	14.6	3.5
Nova Scotia	79.8	98.8	80.8	1.0	66.8	86.4	68.2	1.4	16.3	12.6	15.6	(0.7)
New Brunswick	60.9	75.4	60.6	(0.3)	50.1	66.4	52.9	2.8	17.7	11.8	12.7	(5.0)
Quebec	620.9	701.7	632.9	12.0	536.5	607.5	542.6	6.1	13.6	13.4	14.3	0.7
Ontario	1,041.8	1,225.8	1,027.9	(13.9)	879.3	1,056.4	882.8	3.5	15.6	13.8	14.1	(1.5)
Manitoba	106.6	118.4	109.2	2.6	94.6	105.8	96.6	2.0	11.3	10.6	11.5	0.2
Saskatchewan	87.8	106.8	93.6	5.8	78.3	96.3	84.3	6.0	10.9	9.8	9.9	(1.0)
Alberta	330.7	366.6	337.7	7.0	302.1	335.7	311.5	9.4	8.6	8.4	7.8	(0.8)
British Columbia	341.7	376.5	343.1	1.4	287.2	326.2	295.1	7.9	15.9	13.4	14.0	(1.9)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,092.8**	**17,660.4**	**17,277.9**	**185.1**	**15,832.6**	**16,337.8**	**16,144.1**	**311.5**	**7.4**	**7.5**	**6.6**	**(0.8)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,331.0**	**4,484.2**	**4,359.0**	**28.0**	**4,077.9**	**4,270.4**	**4,136.1**	**58.2**	**5.8**	**4.8**	**5.1**	**(0.7)**
Agriculture	363.6	370.0	353.1	(10.5)	347.6	355.4	337.7	(9.9)	4.4	3.9	4.4	-
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	330.0	342.9	338.6	8.6	306.5	322.5	313.8	7.3	7.1	5.9	7.3	0.2
Utilities	137.9	142.1	137.6	(0.3)	131.8	138.8	134.3	2.5	4.4	2.4	2.4	(2.0)
Construction	1,071.3	1,139.1	1,114.6	43.3	1,005.0	1,086.2	1,052.7	47.7	6.2	4.6	5.6	(0.6)
Manufacturing	2,428.1	2,490.1	2,415.2	(12.9)	2,287.0	2,367.5	2,297.5	10.5	5.8	4.9	4.9	(0.9)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,315.2**	**12,756.6**	**12,527.4**	**212.2**	**11,754.8**	**12,067.4**	**12,008.0**	**253.2**	**4.6**	**5.4**	**4.1**	**(0.5)**
Trade	2,588.2	2,630.4	2,604.7	16.5	2,463.0	2,501.1	2,495.1	32.1	4.8	4.9	4.2	(0.6)
Transportation and Warehousing	799.0	848.6	828.4	29.4	773.4	813.0	802.8	29.4	3.2	4.2	3.1	(0.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	965.1	1,035.4	1,036.2	71.1	942.7	1,010.5	1,010.5	67.8	2.3	2.4	2.5	0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,032.1	1,079.9	1,051.5	19.4	989.7	1,036.9	1,011.2	21.5	4.1	4.0	3.8	(0.3)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	672.2	735.0	714.8	42.6	604.1	673.5	649.5	45.4	10.1	8.4	9.1	(1.0)
Educational Services	1,073.3	1,018.0	1,067.9	(5.4)	1,035.3	858.0	1,040.9	5.6	3.5	15.7	2.5	(1.0)
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,738.4	1,809.0	1,805.9	67.5	1,695.2	1,755.4	1,754.8	59.6	2.5	3.0	2.8	0.3
Information, Culture and Recreation	769.1	833.7	760.7	(8.4)	722.5	799.3	723.3	0.8	6.1	4.1	4.9	(1.2)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,105.7	1,130.5	1,084.7	(21.0)	1,017.5	1,049.2	1,006.7	(10.8)	8.0	7.2	7.2	(0.8)
Other Services	724.7	761.9	727.1	2.4	689.8	721.5	690.8	1.0	4.8	5.3	5.0	0.2
Public Administration	847.3	874.0	845.4	(1.9)	821.6	849.1	822.4	0.8	3.0	2.9	2.7	(0.3)
Unclassified Industries	446.6	419.6	391.4	(55.2)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**482.8**	**505.6**	**489.7**	**6.9**	**440.4**	**463.0**	**450.3**	**9.9**	**8.8**	**8.4**	**8.0**	**(0.8)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**109.8**	**116.4**	**112.1**	**2.3**	**97.9**	**104.8**	**102.2**	**4.3**	**10.8**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**(2.0)**
Agriculture	7.7	7.7	7.3	(0.4)	7.3	6.5	6.4	(0.9)	-	15.6	12.3	12.3
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	14.4	17.8	16.9	2.5	12.4	14.9	14.6	2.2	13.9	16.3	13.0	(0.9)
Utilities	2.6	3.3	3.6	1.0	2.3	3.1	3.6	1.3	-	-	-	-
Construction	30.2	34.4	33.8	3.6	26.3	30.2	30.3	4.0	12.9	12.5	10.4	(2.5)
Manufacturing	55.0	53.2	50.5	(4.5)	49.6	50.1	47.3	(2.3)	9.8	5.8	6.5	(3.3)
Services-Producing Sector	**364.0**	**378.6**	**367.2**	**3.2**	**342.5**	**358.2**	**348.1**	**5.6**	**5.9**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**(0.7)**
Trade	76.9	86.1	80.3	3.4	72.8	82.7	75.7	2.9	5.3	3.9	5.7	0.4
Transportation and Warehousing	23.6	22.7	22.0	(1.6)	21.6	21.4	20.6	(1.0)	8.5	5.7	6.4	(2.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	19.5	24.3	24.0	4.5	18.4	23.9	23.7	5.3	5.6	-	-	(5.6)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.5	20.7	21.5	1.0	19.6	19.9	20.8	1.2	3.9	3.9	3.3	(0.6)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	26.2	29.8	29.2	3.0	22.7	26.7	25.9	3.2	13.4	10.7	11.0	(2.4)
Educational Services	35.1	34.2	35.7	0.6	33.8	29.2	35.4	1.6	3.7	14.6	-	(3.7)
Health Care and Social Assistance	58.6	51.7	54.3	(4.3)	57.2	50.1	51.6	(5.6)	2.6	3.1	4.8	2.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.1	20.8	19.4	(0.7)	19.1	20.6	17.8	(1.3)	4.5	-	8.2	3.7
Accommodation and Food Services	35.9	36.9	35.2	(0.7)	33.0	35.0	33.3	0.3	8.1	5.1	5.4	(2.7)
Other Services	19.0	23.9	20.9	1.9	16.8	22.1	19.5	2.7	11.6	7.5	6.7	(4.9)
Public Administration	28.7	27.5	24.9	(3.8)	27.4	26.7	23.8	(3.6)	4.2	2.9	4.4	0.2
Unclassified Industries	9.1	10.5	10.3	1.2	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change	Sep 2003	Aug 2004	Sep 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.5	9.3	8.6	(0.9)	62.6	62.0	61.4	(1.2)	69.2	68.4	67.2	(2.0)
Halifax	7.0	5.4	5.3	(1.7)	66.3	68.4	67.9	1.6	71.3	72.3	71.7	0.4
Saint John, New Brunswick	8.8	8.5	7.8	(1.0)	58.3	61.5	62.3	4.0	64.0	67.3	67.5	3.5
Saguenay	9.6	9.0	9.3	(0.3)	56.9	59.2	58.3	1.4	62.9	65.1	64.3	1.4
Québec	5.8	4.7	4.4	(1.4)	64.1	64.2	63.6	(0.5)	68.0	67.3	66.5	(1.5)
Trois-Rivières	11.5	10.7	11.3	(0.2)	55.6	55.0	55.3	(0.3)	62.8	61.6	62.2	(0.6)
Sherbrooke	7.8	6.4	6.4	(1.4)	63.2	64.2	64.1	0.9	68.6	68.5	68.5	(0.1)
Montréal	10.1	8.4	8.5	(1.6)	61.8	62.6	62.2	0.4	68.7	68.4	67.9	(0.8)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	7.0	6.9	-	67.4	66.4	66.3	(1.1)	72.4	71.4	71.2	(1.2)
Sudbury	9.3	8.1	8.2	(1.1)	57.1	59.9	59.4	2.3	63.0	65.2	64.7	1.7
Oshawa	5.6	5.4	5.9	0.3	70.0	66.6	65.0	(5.0)	74.2	70.4	69.1	(5.1)
Toronto	8.8	8.2	8.2	(0.6)	64.5	65.6	64.9	0.4	70.7	71.5	70.8	0.1
Hamilton	7.1	6.3	5.6	(1.5)	65.1	66.8	66.9	1.8	70.1	71.2	70.9	0.8
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.1	7.3	6.3	0.2	62.7	58.6	59.2	(3.5)	66.8	63.1	63.1	(3.7)
London	7.5	5.3	6.1	(1.4)	64.3	68.4	66.8	2.5	69.5	72.2	71.1	1.6
Windsor	7.2	9.8	9.4	2.2	62.9	60.5	61.2	(1.7)	67.7	67.0	67.5	(0.2)
Kitchener	6.6	6.0	5.8	(0.8)	66.1	67.3	66.7	0.6	70.8	71.6	70.8	-
Thunder Bay	5.5	8.8	9.0	3.5	64.4	61.2	60.4	(4.0)	68.2	67.1	66.4	(1.8)
Winnipeg	5.5	6.1	6.1	0.6	67.2	67.3	67.4	0.2	71.1	71.6	71.8	0.7
Regina	6.1	4.4	4.6	(1.5)	68.5	69.5	69.1	0.6	73.0	72.7	72.4	(0.6)
Saskatoon	6.1	6.1	6.6	0.5	67.4	68.2	67.6	0.2	71.7	72.7	72.4	0.7
Calgary	5.0	5.1	5.0	-	72.1	72.4	71.7	(0.4)	75.9	76.2	75.5	(0.4)
Edmonton	4.8	4.7	4.8	-	69.6	69.5	69.2	(0.4)	73.1	72.9	72.7	(0.4)
Vancouver	8.6	7.2	7.1	(1.5)	63.2	63.6	63.2	-	69.1	68.5	68.0	(1.1)
Victoria	6.8	6.1	5.9	(0.9)	60.0	60.9	60.0	-	64.4	64.8	63.7	(0.7)

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and employment rates.

Release Dates - 2004:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
March 2004	April 8, 2004
April 2004	May 7, 2004
May 2004	June 4, 2004
June 2004	July 9, 2004
July 2004	August 6, 2004
August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,351.2	25,681.3	25,712.3	361.1	25,351.2	25,681.3	25,712.3	361.1
Labour Force ('000)	17,052.9	17,277.9	17,284.9	232.0	17,126.3	17,297.8	17,341.2	214.9
Employment ('000)	15,870.0	16,144.1	16,165.0	295.0	15,822.0	16,076.4	16,110.7	288.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,182.9	1,133.7	1,119.9	(63.0)	1,304.3	1,221.4	1,230.6	(73.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.6	6.5	(0.4)	7.6	7.1	7.1	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.3	67.2	(0.1)	67.6	67.4	67.4	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	62.6	62.9	62.9	0.3	62.4	62.6	62.7	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	761.4	765.4	765.8	4.4	761.4	765.4	765.8	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	476.6	489.7	487.1	10.5	477.7	490.0	489.7	12.0
Employment ('000)	437.2	450.3	450.0	12.8	432.5	446.9	446.7	14.2
Unemployed ('000)	39.5	39.3	37.1	(2.4)	45.2	43.1	43.0	(2.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.0	7.6	(0.7)	9.5	8.8	8.8	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	62.6	64.0	63.6	1.0	62.7	64.0	63.9	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	57.4	58.8	58.8	1.4	56.8	58.4	58.3	1.5

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.1	439.8	440.3	1.2	439.1	439.8	440.3	1.2
Labour Force ('000)	257.1	263.6	257.4	0.3	259.0	261.0	260.8	1.8
Employment ('000)	218.5	227.9	220.7	2.2	215.8	219.5	219.6	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	38.7	35.7	36.7	(2.0)	43.1	41.5	41.3	(1.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.1	13.5	14.3	(0.8)	16.6	15.9	15.8	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	58.6	59.9	58.5	(0.1)	59.0	59.3	59.2	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	49.8	51.8	50.1	0.3	49.1	49.9	49.9	0.8

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.5	114.8	114.8	1.3	113.5	114.8	114.8	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	77.0	79.3	79.2	2.2	77.1	78.1	79.1	2.0
Employment ('000)	70.4	72.8	71.7	1.3	68.9	69.3	69.8	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	6.6	6.5	7.5	0.9	8.2	8.8	9.3	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	8.2	9.5	0.9	10.6	11.3	11.8	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	69.1	69.0	1.2	67.9	68.0	68.9	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	62.0	63.4	62.5	0.5	60.7	60.4	60.8	0.1

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	610.4	613.6	613.8	3.4	610.4	613.6	613.8	3.4
Labour Force ('000)	384.2	398.4	392.5	8.3	385.9	394.5	393.3	7.4
Employment ('000)	350.9	367.8	359.8	8.9	344.3	356.7	353.7	9.4
Unemployed ('000)	33.2	30.7	32.7	(0.5)	41.6	37.9	39.6	(2.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	7.7	8.3	(0.3)	10.8	9.6	10.1	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	64.9	63.9	1.0	63.2	64.3	64.1	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	57.5	59.9	58.6	1.1	56.4	58.1	57.6	1.2

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,101.2	6,163.1	6,169.0	67.8	6,101.2	6,163.1	6,169.0	67.8
Labour Force ('000)	4,008.0	4,059.2	4,048.8	40.8	4,032.4	4,071.7	4,069.8	37.4
Employment ('000)	3,671.9	3,752.2	3,730.8	58.9	3,658.8	3,732.5	3,720.7	61.9
Unemployed ('000)	336.2	307.1	318.0	(18.2)	373.6	339.2	349.1	(24.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	7.6	7.9	(0.5)	9.3	8.3	8.6	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	65.9	65.6	(0.1)	66.1	66.1	66.0	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	60.2	60.9	60.5	0.3	60.0	60.6	60.3	0.3

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,833.6	9,991.2	10,005.7	172.1	9,833.6	9,991.2	10,005.7	172.1
l abour Force ('000)	6,698.2	6,767.8	6,801.2	103.0	6,724.0	6,780.5	6,820.1	96.1
Employment ('000)	6,268.4	6,334.5	6,389.1	120.7	6,257.6	6,341.1	6,373.9	116.3
Unemployed ('000)	429.8	433.4	412.1	(17.7)	466.5	439.4	446.2	(20.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	6.1	(0.3)	6.9	6.5	6.5	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	67.7	68.0	(0.1)	68.4	67.9	68.2	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	63.4	63.9	0.2	63.6	63.5	63.7	0.1

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	870.4	879.0	879.9	9.5	870.4	879.0	879.9	9.5
Labour Force ('000)	601.1	612.2	610.2	9.1	602.0	612.0	610.4	8.4
Employment ('000)	571.6	581.1	581.2	9.6	569.7	577.8	579.0	9.3
Unemployed ('000)	29.5	31.1	28.9	(0.6)	32.2	34.2	31.4	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.1	4.7	(0.2)	5.3	5.6	5.1	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.6	69.3	0.2	69.2	69.6	69.4	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.7	66.1	66.1	0.4	65.5	65.7	65.8	0.3

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.8	758.3	758.6	2.8	755.8	758.3	758.6	2.8
Labour Force ('000)	511.2	519.8	518.9	7.7	513.7	518.2	520.3	6.6
Employment ('000)	486.6	493.4	495.5	8.9	484.9	488.3	493.2	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	24.6	26.4	23.3	(1.3)	28.9	29.9	27.2	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.1	4.5	(0.3)	5.6	5.8	5.2	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	68.5	68.4	0.8	68.0	68.3	68.6	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	65.1	65.3	0.9	64.2	64.4	65.0	0.8

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,487.1	2,528.1	2,531.4	44.3	2,487.1	2,528.1	2,531.4	44.3
Labour Force ('000)	1,821.3	1,848.9	1,842.7	21.4	1,831.4	1,853.9	1,850.2	18.8
Employment ('000)	1,736.8	1,769.5	1,760.2	23.4	1,739.3	1,764.4	1,762.4	23.1
Unemployed ('000)	84.5	79.4	82.4	(2.1)	92.1	89.5	87.8	(4.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.3	4.5	(0.1)	5.0	4.8	4.7	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	73.1	72.8	(0.4)	73.6	73.3	73.1	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	69.8	70.0	69.5	(0.3)	69.9	69.8	69.6	(0.3)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,378.7	3,428.0	3,433.0	54.3	3,378.7	3,428.0	3,433.0	54.3
Labour Force ('000)	2,218.1	2,238.9	2,247.1	29.0	2,223.0	2,237.9	2,247.4	24.4
Employment ('000)	2,057.7	2,094.7	2,106.0	48.3	2,050.2	2,079.9	2,091.7	41.5
Unemployed ('000)	160.4	144.2	141.1	(19.3)	172.9	157.9	155.7	(17.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.4	6.3	(0.9)	7.8	7.1	6.9	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.3	65.5	(0.1)	65.8	65.3	65.5	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	61.1	61.3	0.4	60.7	60.7	60.9	0.2

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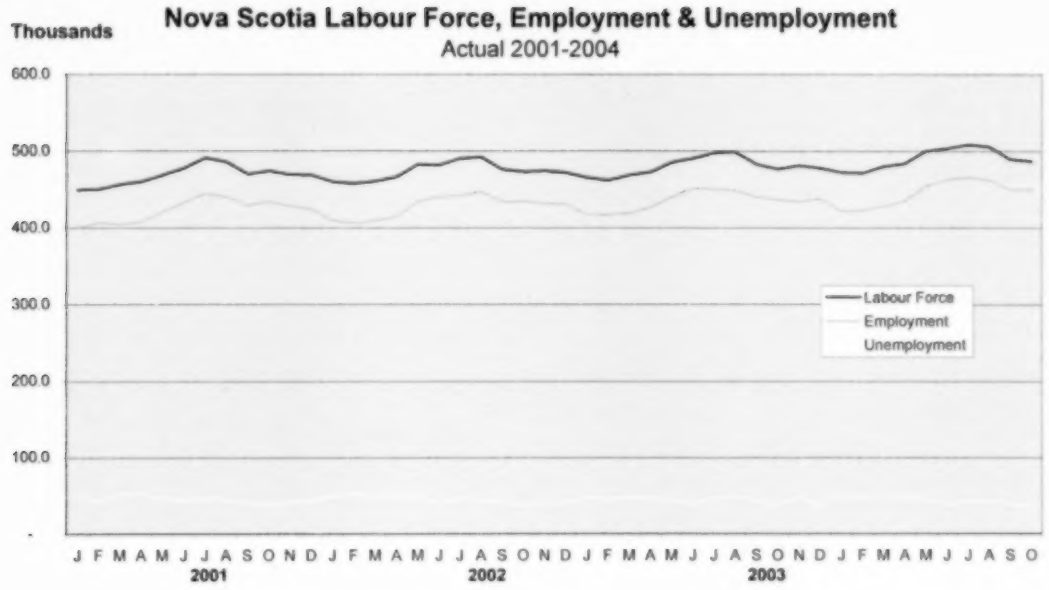
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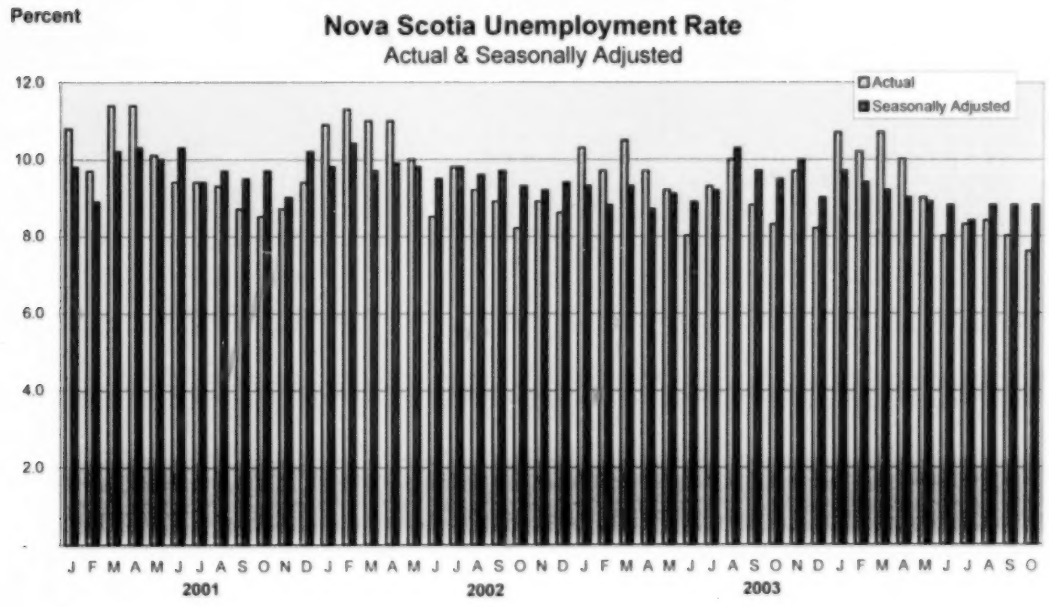
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Economic Regions/CMA

(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,319.4	25,651.5	25,682.3	362.9	761.0	765.0	765.4	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	17,210.6	17,544.7	17,407.7	197.1	486.1	501.3	494.1	8.0
Employment ('000)	15,917.1	16,296.4	16,215.7	298.6	442.2	459.8	454.4	12.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,293.4	1,248.3	1,192.1	(101.3)	43.9	41.4	39.7	(4.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.1	6.8	(0.7)	9.0	8.3	8.0	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	68.4	67.8	(0.2)	63.9	65.5	64.6	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	62.9	63.5	63.1	0.2	58.1	60.1	59.4	1.3

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.2	102.7	102.8	0.6	119.6	118.7	118.6	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	63.9	68.8	68.2	4.3	63.5	66.7	63.1	(0.4)
Employment ('000)	59.2	63.3	63.4	4.2	52.8	56.3	53.2	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	4.7	5.5	4.7	-	10.7	10.4	9.9	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	8.0	6.9	(0.5)	16.9	15.6	15.7	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	62.5	67.0	66.3	3.8	53.1	56.2	53.2	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	61.6	61.7	3.8	44.1	47.4	44.9	0.8

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	301.4	305.3	305.6	4.2	289.3	293.2	293.5	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	210.6	216.1	215.0	4.4	203.9	210.3	209.2	5.3
Employment ('000)	196.4	204.1	203.0	6.6	190.4	199.1	197.9	7.5
Unemployed ('000)	14.3	12.0	12.0	(2.3)	13.5	11.2	11.3	(2.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	5.6	5.6	(1.2)	6.6	5.3	5.4	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	69.9	70.8	70.4	0.5	70.5	71.7	71.3	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	66.9	66.4	1.2	65.8	67.9	67.4	1.6

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.4	133.5	133.6	0.2	104.5	104.8	104.8	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	82.9	83.4	82.8	(0.1)	65.2	66.3	65.0	(0.2)
Employment ('000)	74.8	75.7	75.3	0.5	59.0	60.4	59.5	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	8.1	7.7	7.5	(0.6)	6.1	5.9	5.5	(0.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	9.2	9.1	(0.7)	9.4	8.9	8.5	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	62.1	62.5	62.0	(0.1)	62.4	63.3	62.0	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	56.1	56.7	56.4	0.3	56.5	57.6	56.8	0.3

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,822.0	16,076.4	16,110.7	288.7	12,843.0	13,146.5	13,159.7	316.7	2,979.0	2,929.9	2,951.0	(28.0)
Newfoundland and Labrador	215.8	219.5	219.6	3.8	184.7	187.6	190.3	5.6	31.1	31.9	29.3	(1.8)
Prince Edward Island	68.9	69.3	69.8	0.9	57.0	57.1	58.2	1.2	11.9	12.2	11.5	(0.4)
Nova Scotia	432.5	446.9	446.7	14.2	352.3	365.3	365.2	12.9	80.2	81.6	81.6	1.4
New Brunswick	344.3	356.7	353.7	9.4	291.3	300.1	299.2	7.9	53.1	56.6	54.5	1.4
Quebec	3,658.8	3,732.5	3,720.7	61.9	2,964.9	3,071.3	3,061.5	96.6	693.8	661.2	659.2	(34.6)
Ontario	6,257.6	6,341.1	6,373.9	116.3	5,138.7	5,222.9	5,208.8	70.1	1,118.9	1,118.1	1,165.1	46.2
Manitoba	569.7	577.8	579.0	9.3	457.9	462.6	464.2	6.3	111.8	115.1	114.8	3.0
Saskatchewan	484.9	488.3	493.2	8.3	387.3	391.0	395.9	8.6	97.5	97.3	97.3	(0.2)
Alberta	1,739.3	1,764.4	1,762.4	23.1	1,419.7	1,439.9	1,436.5	16.8	319.6	324.5	326.0	6.4
British Columbia	2,050.2	2,079.9	2,091.7	41.5	1,589.2	1,648.6	1,680.0	90.8	461.0	431.3	411.7	(49.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,870.0	16,144.1	16,165.0	295.0	12,816.1	13,242.5	13,118.8	302.7	3,053.9	2,901.6	3,046.2	(7.7)
Newfoundland and Labrador	218.5	227.9	220.7	2.2	186.3	196.2	190.9	4.6	32.2	31.7	29.8	(2.4)
Prince Edward Island	70.4	72.8	71.7	1.3	58.2	60.7	59.8	1.6	12.2	12.1	11.9	(0.3)
Nova Scotia	437.2	450.3	450.0	12.8	353.8	368.7	365.0	11.2	83.4	81.6	85.0	1.6
New Brunswick	350.9	367.8	359.8	8.9	296.6	312.4	304.1	7.5	54.4	55.4	55.7	1.3
Quebec	3,671.9	3,752.2	3,730.8	58.9	2,944.8	3,102.3	3,035.7	90.9	727.1	649.8	695.1	(32.0)
Ontario	6,268.4	6,334.5	6,389.1	120.7	5,124.5	5,231.2	5,184.8	60.3	1,143.9	1,103.3	1,204.3	60.4
Manitoba	571.6	581.1	581.2	9.6	459.0	464.3	465.0	6.0	112.6	116.8	116.3	3.7
Saskatchewan	486.6	493.4	495.5	8.9	388.1	395.1	396.4	8.3	98.5	98.3	99.1	0.6
Alberta	1,736.8	1,769.5	1,760.2	23.4	1,415.1	1,444.0	1,429.9	14.8	321.7	325.4	330.3	8.6
British Columbia	2,057.7	2,094.7	2,106.0	48.3	1,589.7	1,667.6	1,687.3	97.6	468.0	427.1	418.8	(49.2)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,785.7	2,816.0	2,823.1	37.4	2,397.6	2,434.8	2,445.3	47.7	13.9	13.5	13.4	(0.5)
Newfoundland and Labrador	38.3	38.6	39.1	0.8	28.9	29.6	29.3	0.4	24.5	23.3	24.8	0.3
Prince Edward Island	13.9	13.2	13.9	-	11.9	11.0	11.3	(0.6)	13.7	16.7	19.4	5.7
Nova Scotia	79.2	84.2	85.5	6.3	65.2	71.5	72.2	7.0	17.7	15.1	15.6	(2.1)
New Brunswick	63.4	62.7	62.8	(0.6)	52.3	54.3	53.1	0.8	17.5	13.6	15.4	(2.1)
Quebec	634.0	655.1	652.1	18.1	538.1	554.8	551.7	13.6	15.1	15.3	15.4	0.3
Ontario	1,070.6	1,067.1	1,077.7	7.1	912.2	919.9	933.0	20.8	14.8	13.8	13.4	(1.4)
Manitoba	111.1	109.9	107.4	(3.7)	98.3	97.2	94.7	(3.6)	11.4	11.6	11.8	0.4
Saskatchewan	90.1	94.9	94.4	4.3	80.7	85.1	84.8	4.1	10.4	10.4	10.2	(0.2)
Alberta	333.0	342.2	339.1	6.1	305.4	312.4	310.4	5.0	8.3	8.7	8.5	0.2
British Columbia	352.3	348.0	351.1	(1.2)	304.5	299.1	304.8	0.3	13.5	14.1	13.2	(0.3)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,680.4	2,735.4	2,721.1	40.7	2,325.1	2,372.9	2,375.1	50.0	13.3	13.3	12.7	(0.6)
Newfoundland and Labrador	35.3	36.6	35.2	(0.1)	26.9	28.1	27.1	0.2	23.8	23.5	23.3	(0.5)
Prince Edward Island	13.2	13.0	13.4	0.2	11.4	11.1	10.9	(0.5)	12.9	14.6	18.7	5.8
Nova Scotia	76.1	80.8	82.1	6.0	63.2	68.2	69.6	6.4	17.0	15.6	15.2	(1.8)
New Brunswick	59.7	60.6	59.5	(0.2)	50.4	52.9	51.0	0.6	15.6	12.7	14.3	(1.3)
Quebec	607.8	632.9	627.8	20.0	523.3	542.6	536.0	12.7	13.9	14.3	14.6	0.7
Ontario	1,028.1	1,027.9	1,033.9	5.8	881.7	882.8	902.5	20.8	14.2	14.1	12.7	(1.5)
Manitoba	108.4	109.2	104.9	(3.5)	96.4	96.6	92.6	(3.8)	11.0	11.5	11.7	0.7
Saskatchewan	86.4	93.6	90.3	3.9	78.3	84.3	82.1	3.8	9.4	9.9	9.1	(0.3)
Alberta	323.3	337.7	331.2	7.9	296.7	311.5	303.5	6.8	8.3	7.8	8.4	0.1
British Columbia	342.1	343.1	342.8	0.7	296.8	295.1	300.0	3.2	13.2	14.0	12.5	(0.7)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,052.9**	**17,277.9**	**17,284.9**	**232.0**	**15,870.0**	**16,144.1**	**16,165.0**	**295.0**	**6.9**	**6.6**	**6.5**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,294.0**	**4,359.0**	**4,334.3**	**40.3**	**4,047.7**	**4,136.1**	**4,110.0**	**62.3**	**5.7**	**5.1**	**5.2**	**(0.5)**
Agriculture	357.1	353.1	354.9	(2.2)	342.1	337.7	338.0	(4.1)	4.2	4.4	4.8	0.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	331.3	338.6	325.2	(6.1)	304.3	313.8	299.0	(5.3)	8.1	7.3	8.1	-
Utilities	136.9	137.6	132.6	(4.3)	133.4	134.3	130.3	(3.1)	2.5	2.4	1.7	(0.8)
Construction	1,053.3	1,114.6	1,124.7	71.4	985.0	1,052.7	1,061.3	76.3	6.5	5.6	5.6	(0.9)
Manufacturing	2,415.4	2,415.2	2,396.9	(18.5)	2,282.8	2,297.5	2,281.3	(1.5)	5.5	4.9	4.8	(0.7)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,362.9**	**12,527.4**	**12,564.7**	**201.8**	**11,822.3**	**12,008.0**	**12,055.0**	**232.7**	**4.4**	**4.1**	**4.1**	**(0.3)**
Trade	2,597.5	2,604.7	2,665.0	67.5	2,476.3	2,495.1	2,549.0	72.7	4.7	4.2	4.4	(0.3)
Transportation and Warehousing	814.3	828.4	813.5	(0.8)	786.1	802.8	787.1	1.0	3.5	3.1	3.2	(0.3)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	972.1	1,036.2	1,013.9	41.8	950.9	1,010.5	988.7	37.8	2.2	2.5	2.5	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,031.5	1,051.5	1,057.0	25.5	991.9	1,011.2	1,023.6	31.7	3.8	3.8	3.2	(0.6)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	677.7	714.8	699.7	22.0	618.6	649.5	644.8	26.2	8.7	9.1	7.8	(0.9)
Educational Services	1,095.6	1,067.9	1,102.6	7.0	1,071.4	1,040.9	1,077.7	6.3	2.2	2.5	2.3	0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,747.1	1,805.9	1,793.4	46.3	1,708.3	1,754.8	1,752.0	43.7	2.2	2.8	2.3	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	763.3	760.7	760.2	(3.1)	710.2	723.3	716.9	6.7	7.0	4.9	5.7	(1.3)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,106.1	1,084.7	1,088.8	(17.3)	1,012.7	1,006.7	1,007.1	(5.6)	8.4	7.2	7.5	(0.9)
Other Services	716.1	727.1	728.8	12.7	681.2	690.8	692.4	11.2	4.9	5.0	5.0	0.1
Public Administration	841.6	845.4	841.7	0.1	814.6	822.4	815.8	1.2	3.2	2.7	3.1	(0.1)
Unclassified Industries	395.9	391.4	385.8	(10.1)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**476.6**	**489.7**	**487.1**	**10.5**	**437.2**	**450.3**	**450.0**	**12.8**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**7.6**	**(0.7)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**112.8**	**112.1**	**110.3**	**(2.5)**	**99.5**	**102.2**	**100.6**	**1.1**	**11.8**	**8.8**	**8.8**	**(3.0)**
Agriculture	7.4	7.3	7.0	(0.4)	7.1	6.4	6.4	(0.7)	-	12.3	8.6	8.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	15.2	16.9	15.5	0.3	12.3	14.6	13.2	0.9	19.1	13.0	14.8	(4.3)
Utilities	3.0	3.6	3.0	-	2.7	3.6	3.0	0.3	-	-	-	-
Construction	33.5	33.8	33.1	(0.4)	28.9	30.3	29.2	0.3	14.0	10.4	11.8	(2.2)
Manufacturing	53.8	50.5	51.7	(2.1)	48.6	47.3	48.8	0.2	9.7	6.5	5.6	(4.1)
Services-Producing Sector	**354.1**	**367.2**	**368.0**	**13.9**	**337.6**	**348.1**	**349.3**	**11.7**	**4.7**	**5.2**	**5.1**	**0.4**
Trade	75.1	80.3	80.8	5.7	73.1	75.7	76.3	3.2	2.7	5.7	5.4	2.7
Transportation and Warehousing	21.6	22.0	23.0	1.4	20.3	20.6	21.3	1.0	6.0	6.4	7.8	1.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	18.4	24.0	22.8	4.4	17.7	23.7	22.7	5.0	3.8	-	-	(3.8)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.4	21.5	21.9	1.5	19.2	20.8	21.1	1.9	5.9	3.3	4.1	(1.8)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	27.4	29.2	27.8	0.4	23.7	25.9	24.7	1.0	13.1	11.0	11.2	(1.9)
Educational Services	34.1	35.7	37.1	3.0	33.4	35.4	36.8	3.4	2.1	-	-	(2.1)
Health Care and Social Assistance	55.8	54.3	52.9	(2.9)	55.0	51.6	52.1	(2.9)	1.4	4.8	1.5	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.4	19.4	19.7	(0.7)	19.9	17.8	17.6	(2.3)	2.5	8.2	10.7	8.2
Accommodation and Food Services	32.4	35.2	36.5	4.1	29.6	33.3	33.0	3.4	8.6	5.4	9.6	1.0
Other Services	20.3	20.9	19.8	(0.5)	18.5	19.5	19.2	0.7	8.9	6.7	2.5	(6.4)
Public Administration	28.1	24.9	25.8	(2.3)	27.1	23.8	24.6	(2.5)	3.6	4.4	4.7	1.1
Unclassified Industries	9.7	10.3	8.8	(0.9)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.2	8.6	8.5	(0.7)	61.2	61.4	60.5	(0.7)	67.4	67.2	66.1	(1.3)
Halifax	**6.6**	**5.3**	**5.4**	**(1.2)**	**65.8**	**67.9**	**67.4**	**1.6**	**70.5**	**71.7**	**71.3**	**0.8**
Saint John, New Brunswick	8.1	7.8	7.0	(1.1)	58.2	62.3	62.0	3.8	63.4	67.5	66.6	3.2
Saguenay	10.9	9.3	10.4	(0.5)	55.2	58.3	57.1	1.9	61.9	64.3	63.7	1.8
Québec	6.6	4.4	3.9	(2.7)	62.0	63.6	63.2	1.2	66.4	66.5	65.7	(0.7)
Trois-Rivières	11.5	11.3	10.9	(0.6)	55.6	55.3	54.5	(1.1)	62.8	62.2	61.1	(1.7)
Sherbrooke	7.7	6.4	6.3	(1.4)	62.8	64.1	62.3	(0.5)	68.0	68.5	66.5	(1.5)
Montréal	9.6	8.5	8.5	(1.1)	61.9	62.2	61.8	(0.1)	68.5	67.9	67.5	(1.0)
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.0	6.9	6.6	(0.4)	66.9	66.3	66.3	(0.6)	71.9	71.2	70.9	(1.0)
Sudbury	8.7	8.2	7.8	(0.9)	56.9	59.4	59.8	2.9	62.4	64.7	64.9	2.5
Oshawa	4.8	5.9	5.6	0.8	69.5	65.0	64.6	(4.9)	73.0	69.1	68.4	(4.6)
Toronto	8.1	8.2	7.8	(0.3)	64.3	64.9	64.5	0.2	70.0	70.8	69.9	(0.1)
Hamilton	6.7	5.6	5.5	(1.2)	65.2	66.9	66.2	1.0	69.8	70.9	70.0	0.2
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.3	6.3	5.6	(0.7)	62.1	59.2	59.7	(2.4)	66.3	63.1	63.2	(3.1)
London	7.2	6.1	6.2	(1.0)	64.4	66.8	65.1	0.7	69.4	71.1	69.4	-
Windsor	6.4	9.4	9.0	2.6	62.7	61.2	61.6	(1.1)	67.0	67.5	67.7	0.7
Kitchener	6.5	5.8	5.3	(1.2)	66.4	66.7	66.3	(0.1)	71.1	70.8	69.9	(1.2)
Thunder Bay	5.5	9.0	8.3	2.8	63.6	60.4	60.8	(2.8)	67.3	66.4	66.3	(1.0)
Winnipeg	5.4	6.1	5.7	0.3	66.7	67.4	67.7	1.0	70.5	71.8	71.8	1.3
Regina	5.3	4.6	4.5	(0.8)	69.2	69.1	68.9	(0.3)	73.1	72.4	72.2	(0.9)
Saskatoon	5.9	6.6	6.0	0.1	66.6	67.6	67.2	0.6	70.7	72.4	71.5	0.8
Calgary	5.3	5.0	4.9	(0.4)	71.4	71.7	71.0	(0.4)	75.3	75.5	74.7	(0.6)
Edmonton	4.7	4.8	4.7	-	69.4	69.2	69.6	0.2	72.8	72.7	73.0	0.2
Vancouver	8.0	7.1	6.9	(1.1)	63.4	63.2	62.9	(0.5)	68.9	68.0	67.6	(1.3)
Victoria	6.5	5.9	6.0	(0.5)	59.7	60.0	58.9	(0.8)	63.9	63.7	62.6	(1.3)

Employment Situation
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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and employment rates.

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January 2004	February 6, 2004
February 2004	March 12, 2004
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August 2004	September 10, 2004
September 2004	October 8, 2004
October 2004	November 5, 2004
November 2004	December 3, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,379.5	25,712.3	25,738.6	359.1	25,379.5	25,712.3	25,738.6	359.1
Labour Force ('000)	17,061.4	17,284.9	17,285.7	224.3	17,166.3	17,341.2	17,377.0	210.7
Employment ('000)	15,856.8	16,165.0	16,103.9	247.1	15,880.8	16,110.7	16,115.3	234.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,204.6	1,119.9	1,181.9	(22.7)	1,285.5	1,230.6	1,261.7	(23.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.5	6.8	(0.3)	7.5	7.1	7.3	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.2	67.2	-	67.6	67.4	67.5	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	62.5	62.9	62.6	0.1	62.6	62.7	62.6	-

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	761.7	765.8	766.1	4.4	761.7	765.8	766.1	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	481.3	487.1	488.9	7.6	484.7	489.7	492.3	7.6
Employment ('000)	434.6	450.0	446.3	11.7	436.3	446.7	448.0	11.7
Unemployed ('000)	46.7	37.1	42.6	(4.1)	48.4	43.0	44.3	(4.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	7.6	8.7	(1.0)	10.0	8.8	9.0	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	63.2	63.6	63.8	0.6	63.6	63.9	64.3	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.1	58.8	58.3	1.2	57.3	58.3	58.5	1.2

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.3	440.3	439.9	0.6	439.3	440.3	439.9	0.6
Labour Force ('000)	254.0	257.4	253.1	(0.9)	259.0	260.8	259.3	0.3
Employment ('000)	211.9	220.7	212.3	0.4	213.6	219.6	216.6	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	42.2	36.7	40.8	(1.4)	45.4	41.3	42.7	(2.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.6	14.3	16.1	(0.5)	17.5	15.8	16.5	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	57.8	58.5	57.5	(0.3)	59.0	59.2	58.9	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	48.2	50.1	48.3	0.1	48.6	49.9	49.2	0.6

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.7	114.8	114.8	1.1	113.7	114.8	114.8	1.1
Labour Force ('000)	76.1	79.2	78.2	2.1	78.3	79.1	80.2	1.9
Employment ('000)	67.0	71.7	69.9	2.9	69.6	69.8	71.8	2.2
Unemployed ('000)	9.1	7.5	8.4	(0.7)	8.6	9.3	8.4	(0.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.0	9.5	10.7	(1.3)	11.0	11.8	10.5	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	69.0	68.1	1.2	68.9	68.9	69.9	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	58.9	62.5	60.9	2.0	61.2	60.8	62.5	1.3

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	610.5	613.8	614.2	3.7	610.5	613.8	614.2	3.7
Labour Force ('000)	384.6	392.5	389.6	5.0	387.7	393.3	393.1	5.4
Employment ('000)	348.4	359.8	354.2	5.8	348.3	353.7	354.2	5.9
Unemployed ('000)	36.2	32.7	35.3	(0.9)	39.4	39.6	38.8	(0.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	8.3	9.1	(0.3)	10.2	10.1	9.9	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	63.0	63.9	63.4	0.4	63.5	64.1	64.0	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	57.1	58.6	57.7	0.6	57.1	57.6	57.7	0.6

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,106.8	6,169.0	6,174.4	67.6	6,106.8	6,169.0	6,174.4	67.6
Labour Force ('000)	4,047.5	4,048.8	4,058.6	11.1	4,080.8	4,069.8	4,086.1	5.3
Employment ('000)	3,693.6	3,730.8	3,707.6	14.0	3,709.4	3,720.7	3,722.5	13.1
Unemployed ('000)	353.9	318.0	351.0	(2.9)	371.4	349.1	363.7	(7.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	7.9	8.6	(0.1)	9.1	8.6	8.9	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	66.3	65.6	65.7	(0.6)	66.8	66.0	66.2	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	60.5	60.5	60.0	(0.5)	60.7	60.3	60.3	(0.4)

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,846.5	10,005.7	10,017.6	171.1	9,846.5	10,005.7	10,017.6	171.1
Labour Force ('000)	6,679.9	6,801.2	6,815.9	136.0	6,710.0	6,820.1	6,847.7	137.7
Employment ('000)	6,268.8	6,389.1	6,384.8	116.0	6,256.1	6,373.9	6,371.7	115.6
Unemployed ('000)	411.1	412.1	431.0	19.9	453.9	446.2	476.0	22.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.1	6.3	0.1	6.8	6.5	7.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	68.0	68.0	0.2	68.1	68.2	68.4	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	63.9	63.7	-	63.5	63.7	63.6	0.1

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	871.1	879.9	880.6	9.5	871.1	879.9	880.6	9.5
Labour Force ('000)	596.6	610.2	608.8	12.2	600.2	610.4	611.0	10.8
Employment ('000)	565.5	581.2	578.7	13.2	568.0	579.0	579.9	11.9
Unemployed ('000)	31.1	28.9	30.1	(1.0)	32.1	31.4	31.1	(1.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.7	4.9	(0.3)	5.3	5.1	5.1	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.3	69.1	0.6	68.9	69.4	69.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	66.1	65.7	0.8	65.2	65.8	65.9	0.7

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.1	758.6	758.6	2.5	756.1	758.6	758.6	2.5
Labour Force ('000)	510.3	518.9	519.4	9.1	515.2	520.3	522.8	7.6
Employment ('000)	483.9	495.5	493.6	9.7	486.3	493.2	494.6	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	26.4	23.3	25.8	(0.6)	29.0	27.2	28.2	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.5	5.0	(0.2)	5.6	5.2	5.4	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	68.4	68.5	1.0	68.1	68.6	68.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	65.3	65.1	1.1	64.3	65.0	65.2	0.9

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,490.8	2,531.4	2,534.7	43.9	2,490.8	2,531.4	2,534.7	43.9
Labour Force ('000)	1,825.8	1,842.7	1,845.1	19.3	1,832.1	1,850.2	1,847.7	15.6
Employment ('000)	1,741.4	1,760.2	1,765.1	23.7	1,741.7	1,762.4	1,763.2	21.5
Unemployed ('000)	84.4	82.4	80.0	(4.4)	90.3	87.8	84.5	(5.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.5	4.3	(0.3)	4.9	4.7	4.6	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	73.3	72.8	72.8	(0.5)	73.6	73.1	72.9	(0.7)
Employment Rate (%)	69.9	69.5	69.6	(0.3)	69.9	69.6	69.6	(0.3)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,383.0	3,433.0	3,437.8	54.8	3,383.0	3,433.0	3,437.8	54.8
Labour Force ('000)	2,205.2	2,247.1	2,228.2	23.0	2,218.4	2,247.4	2,236.8	18.4
Employment ('000)	2,041.7	2,106.0	2,091.4	49.7	2,051.5	2,091.7	2,092.9	41.4
Unemployed ('000)	163.6	141.1	136.8	(26.8)	166.9	155.7	143.9	(23.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	6.3	6.1	(1.3)	7.5	6.9	6.4	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	65.5	64.8	(0.4)	65.6	65.5	65.1	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	61.3	60.8	0.4	60.6	60.9	60.9	0.3

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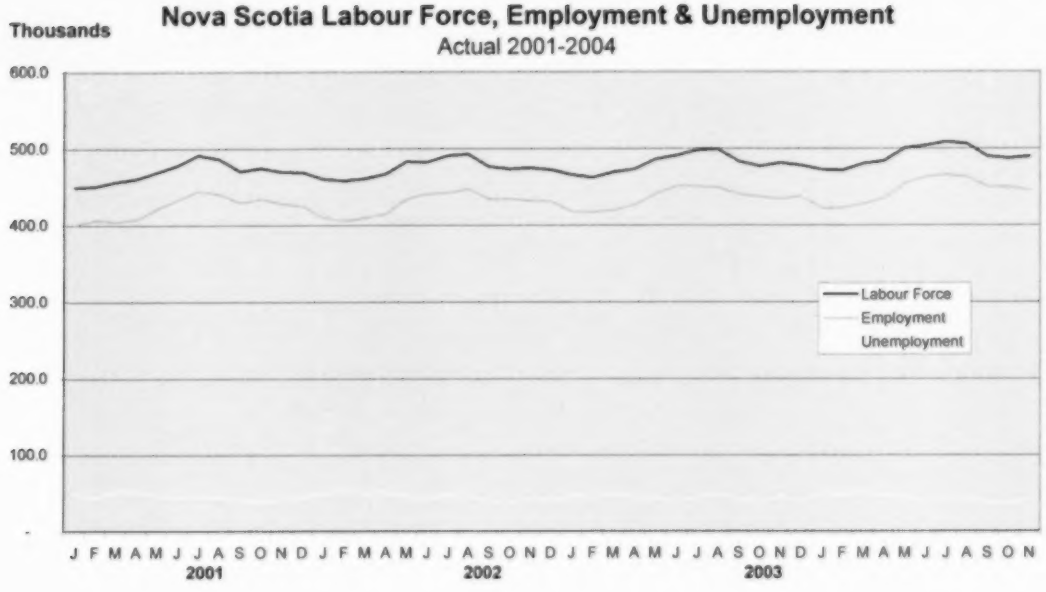
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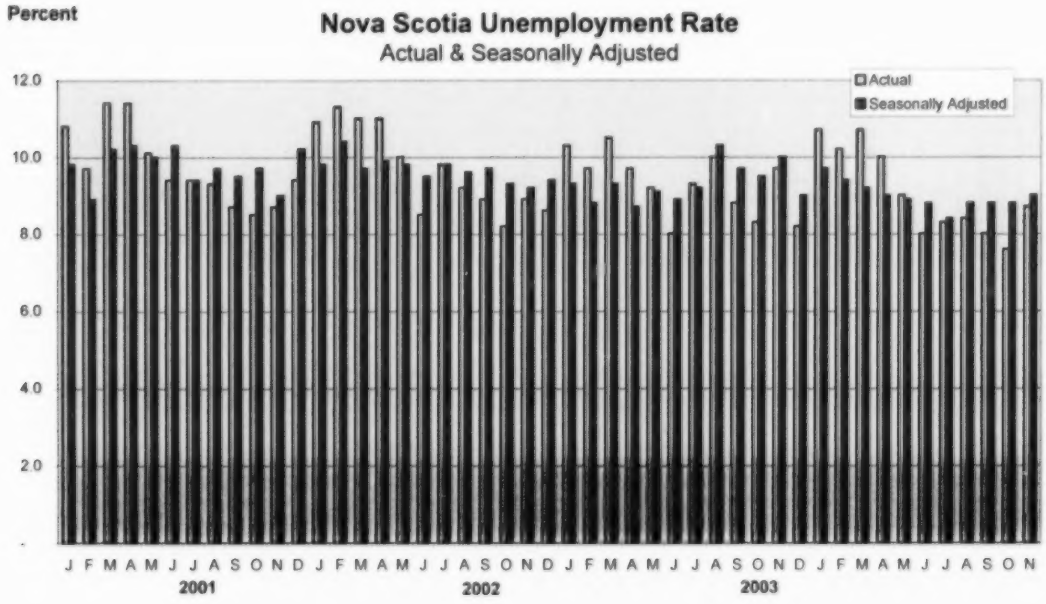
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,350.6	25,682.3	25,710.7	360.1	761.4	765.4	765.7	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	17,069.0	17,407.7	17,282.8	213.8	480.2	494.1	488.5	8.3
Employment ('000)	15,853.1	16,215.7	16,137.7	284.6	437.4	454.4	448.9	11.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,215.9	1,192.1	1,145.2	(70.7)	42.9	39.7	39.7	(3.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.8	6.6	(0.5)	8.9	8.0	8.1	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.8	67.2	(0.1)	63.1	64.6	63.8	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	62.5	63.1	62.8	0.3	57.4	59.4	58.6	1.2

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.2	102.8	102.8	0.6	119.5	118.6	118.6	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	63.8	68.2	67.4	3.6	60.6	63.1	60.2	(0.4)
Employment ('000)	59.3	63.4	63.1	3.8	49.9	53.2	50.4	0.5
Unemployed ('000)	4.5	4.7	4.3	(0.2)	10.6	9.9	9.7	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.9	6.4	(0.7)	17.5	15.7	16.1	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	62.4	66.3	65.6	3.2	50.7	53.2	50.8	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	58.0	61.7	61.4	3.4	41.8	44.9	42.5	0.7

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	301.8	305.6	305.9	4.1	289.7	293.5	293.8	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	209.1	215.0	213.1	4.0	201.9	209.2	208.1	6.2
Employment ('000)	196.8	203.0	201.3	4.5	190.3	197.9	196.8	6.5
Unemployed ('000)	12.3	12.0	11.8	(0.5)	11.6	11.3	11.2	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.6	5.5	(0.4)	5.7	5.4	5.4	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	70.4	69.7	0.4	69.7	71.3	70.8	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	66.4	65.8	0.6	65.7	67.4	67.0	1.3

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.4	133.6	133.6	0.2	104.5	104.8	104.8	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	82.0	82.8	82.7	0.7	64.8	65.0	65.2	0.4
Employment ('000)	73.9	75.3	75.3	1.4	57.5	59.5	58.7	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	8.1	7.5	7.4	(0.7)	7.4	5.5	6.5	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	9.1	8.9	(1.0)	11.4	8.5	10.0	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	61.5	62.0	61.9	0.4	62.0	62.0	62.2	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	55.4	56.4	56.4	1.0	55.0	56.8	56.0	1.0

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,880.8	16,110.7	16,115.3	234.5	12,880.9	13,159.7	13,134.4	253.5	2,999.9	2,951.0	2,981.0	(18.9)
Newfoundland and Labrador	213.6	219.6	216.6	3.0	183.4	190.3	184.7	1.3	30.1	29.3	31.9	1.8
Prince Edward Island	69.6	69.8	71.8	2.2	56.9	58.2	59.6	2.7	12.8	11.5	12.1	(0.7)
Nova Scotia	436.3	446.7	448.0	11.7	349.8	365.2	365.3	15.5	86.5	81.6	82.7	(3.8)
New Brunswick	348.3	353.7	354.2	5.9	294.7	299.2	299.4	4.7	53.5	54.5	54.8	1.3
Quebec	3,709.4	3,720.7	3,722.5	13.1	3,004.1	3,061.5	3,053.7	49.6	705.3	659.2	668.8	(36.5)
Ontario	6,256.1	6,373.9	6,371.7	115.6	5,125.8	5,208.8	5,210.7	84.9	1,130.3	1,165.1	1,161.0	30.7
Manitoba	568.0	579.0	579.9	11.9	458.3	464.2	467.9	9.6	109.8	114.8	111.9	2.1
Saskatchewan	486.3	493.2	494.6	8.3	388.9	395.9	399.0	10.1	97.4	97.3	95.6	(1.8)
Alberta	1,741.7	1,762.4	1,763.2	21.5	1,420.7	1,436.5	1,436.6	15.9	321.0	326.0	326.6	5.6
British Columbia	2,051.5	2,091.7	2,092.9	41.4	1,598.7	1,680.0	1,657.4	58.7	452.8	411.7	435.5	(17.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,856.8	16,165.0	16,103.9	247.1	12,750.6	13,118.8	12,989.7	239.1	3,106.2	3,046.2	3,114.2	8.0
Newfoundland and Labrador	211.9	220.7	212.3	0.4	182.1	190.9	180.8	(1.3)	29.7	29.8	31.5	1.8
Prince Edward Island	67.0	71.7	69.9	2.9	54.0	59.8	57.3	3.3	13.0	11.9	12.6	(0.4)
Nova Scotia	434.6	450.0	446.3	11.7	344.4	365.0	358.5	14.1	90.2	85.0	87.8	(2.4)
New Brunswick	348.4	359.8	354.2	5.8	291.4	304.1	296.1	4.7	57.0	55.7	58.1	1.1
Quebec	3,693.6	3,730.8	3,707.6	14.0	2,959.8	3,035.7	3,001.9	42.1	733.8	695.1	705.7	(28.1)
Ontario	6,268.8	6,389.1	6,384.8	116.0	5,094.9	5,184.8	5,171.7	76.8	1,173.9	1,204.3	1,213.1	39.2
Manitoba	565.5	581.2	578.7	13.2	450.3	465.0	462.0	11.7	115.2	116.3	116.8	1.6
Saskatchewan	483.9	495.5	493.6	9.7	382.2	396.4	392.9	10.7	101.7	99.1	100.7	(1.0)
Alberta	1,741.4	1,760.2	1,765.1	23.7	1,411.6	1,429.9	1,426.8	15.2	329.8	330.3	338.3	8.5
British Columbia	2,041.7	2,106.0	2,091.4	49.7	1,579.7	1,687.3	1,641.8	62.1	462.0	418.8	449.6	(12.4)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,795.2	2,823.1	2,813.3	18.1	2,423.2	2,445.3	2,441.7	18.5	13.3	13.4	13.2	(0.1)
Newfoundland and Labrador	38.6	39.1	38.8	0.2	28.3	29.3	28.6	0.3	26.4	24.8	26.3	(0.1)
Prince Edward Island	14.2	13.9	14.4	0.2	11.9	11.3	11.8	(0.1)	16.2	19.4	18.1	1.9
Nova Scotia	85.4	85.5	85.5	0.1	70.8	72.2	72.1	1.3	17.1	15.6	15.8	(1.3)
New Brunswick	65.8	62.8	63.1	(2.7)	54.9	53.1	52.9	(2.0)	16.6	15.4	16.2	(0.4)
Quebec	653.1	652.1	647.5	(5.6)	559.1	551.7	554.2	(4.9)	14.4	15.4	14.4	-
Ontario	1,054.5	1,077.7	1,078.3	23.8	905.9	933.0	923.1	17.2	14.1	13.4	14.4	0.3
Manitoba	108.3	107.4	106.5	(1.8)	96.2	94.7	95.1	(1.1)	11.2	11.8	10.6	(0.6)
Saskatchewan	91.6	94.4	94.1	2.5	80.6	84.8	84.7	4.1	12.0	10.2	10.0	(2.0)
Alberta	333.8	339.1	335.0	1.2	310.1	310.4	309.0	(1.1)	7.1	8.5	7.8	0.7
British Columbia	350.1	351.1	350.0	(0.1)	305.4	304.8	310.1	4.7	12.8	13.2	11.4	(1.4)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,687.7	2,721.1	2,703.1	15.4	2,344.5	2,375.1	2,369.6	25.1	12.8	12.7	12.3	(0.5)
Newfoundland and Labrador	34.6	35.2	34.8	0.2	25.9	27.1	26.1	0.2	24.9	23.3	25.0	0.1
Prince Edward Island	12.8	13.4	13.0	0.2	10.5	10.9	10.7	0.2	17.2	18.7	17.7	0.5
Nova Scotia	81.6	82.1	81.8	0.2	67.8	69.6	69.1	1.3	17.0	15.2	15.4	(1.6)
New Brunswick	62.4	59.5	59.7	(2.7)	52.1	51.0	50.4	(1.7)	16.3	14.3	15.6	(0.7)
Quebec	626.6	627.8	621.5	(5.1)	538.8	536.0	536.9	(1.9)	14.0	14.6	13.6	(0.4)
Ontario	1,009.3	1,033.9	1,026.2	16.9	878.8	902.5	892.4	13.6	12.9	12.7	13.0	0.1
Manitoba	106.1	104.9	104.5	(1.6)	93.8	92.6	93.1	(0.7)	11.7	11.7	10.9	(0.8)
Saskatchewan	87.9	90.3	90.3	2.4	78.0	82.1	82.0	4.0	11.4	9.1	9.2	(2.2)
Alberta	327.5	331.2	329.3	1.8	304.4	303.5	304.4	-	7.1	8.4	7.6	0.5
British Columbia	338.9	342.8	341.9	3.0	294.4	300.0	304.4	10.0	13.1	12.5	11.0	(2.1)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,061.4**	**17,284.9**	**17,285.7**	**224.3**	**15,856.8**	**16,165.0**	**16,193.9**	**337.1**	**7.1**	**6.5**	**6.8**	**(0.3)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,264.7**	**4,334.3**	**4,293.5**	**28.8**	**3,989.0**	**4,110.0**	**4,027.3**	**28.3**	**6.2**	**5.2**	**6.2**	**-**
Agriculture	355.6	354.9	346.4	(9.2)	331.6	338.0	321.7	(9.9)	6.7	4.8	7.1	0.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	320.2	325.2	325.6	5.4	287.7	299.0	295.3	7.6	10.1	8.1	9.3	(0.8)
Utilities	136.6	132.6	128.5	(8.1)	133.8	130.3	127.7	(6.1)	2.0	1.7	-	(2.0)
Construction	1,048.3	1,124.7	1,109.3	61.0	962.0	1,061.3	1,032.9	70.9	8.2	5.6	6.9	(1.3)
Manufacturing	2,404.0	2,396.9	2,383.8	(20.2)	2,283.7	2,281.3	2,249.7	(34.0)	5.0	4.8	5.6	0.6
Services-Producing Sector	**12,413.2**	**12,564.7**	**12,603.6**	**190.4**	**11,857.8**	**12,055.0**	**12,076.8**	**218.0**	**4.5**	**4.1**	**4.2**	**(0.3)**
Trade	2,626.6	2,665.0	2,694.6	68.0	2,515.4	2,549.0	2,590.6	75.2	4.2	4.4	3.9	(0.3)
Transportation and Warehousing	804.7	813.5	814.5	9.8	771.1	787.1	779.6	8.5	4.2	3.2	4.3	0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	963.8	1,013.9	1,028.6	64.8	944.8	988.7	1,006.4	61.6	2.0	2.5	2.2	0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,043.4	1,057.0	1,061.1	17.7	997.5	1,023.6	1,025.5	28.0	4.4	3.2	3.4	(1.0)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	678.5	699.7	683.3	4.8	609.9	644.8	620.0	10.1	10.1	7.8	9.3	(0.8)
Educational Services	1,111.4	1,102.6	1,132.3	20.9	1,086.9	1,077.7	1,104.1	17.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	0.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,748.5	1,793.4	1,808.2	59.7	1,710.1	1,752.0	1,760.6	50.5	2.2	2.3	2.6	0.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	757.1	760.2	746.0	(11.1)	702.1	716.9	697.3	(4.8)	7.3	5.7	6.5	(0.8)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,095.1	1,088.8	1,066.0	(29.1)	999.5	1,007.1	977.4	(22.1)	8.7	7.5	8.3	(0.4)
Other Services	733.5	728.8	724.5	(9.0)	694.8	692.4	697.7	2.9	5.3	5.0	3.7	(1.6)
Public Administration	850.5	841.7	844.6	(5.9)	825.6	815.8	817.4	(8.2)	2.9	3.1	3.2	0.3
Unclassified Industries	383.5	385.8	388.7	5.2	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**481.3**	**497.1**	**488.9**	**7.6**	**434.6**	**455.0**	**446.3**	**11.7**	**9.7**	**7.6**	**8.7**	**(1.0)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**111.0**	**110.3**	**112.2**	**1.2**	**93.9**	**100.6**	**97.3**	**3.4**	**15.4**	**8.8**	**13.3**	**(2.1)**
Agriculture	6.9	7.0	7.9	1.0	6.3	6.4	7.0	0.7	8.7	8.6	11.4	2.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	15.7	15.5	16.5	0.8	11.3	13.2	12.3	1.0	28.0	14.8	26.1	(1.9)
Utilities	2.5	3.0	3.0	0.5	2.3	3.0	3.0	0.7	-	-	-	-
Construction	34.7	33.1	34.2	(0.5)	28.2	29.2	28.9	0.7	18.7	11.8	15.5	(3.2)
Manufacturing	51.2	51.7	50.5	(0.7)	45.8	48.8	46.1	0.3	10.5	5.6	8.7	(1.8)
Services-Producing Sector	**360.3**	**368.0**	**369.4**	**9.1**	**340.7**	**349.3**	**349.0**	**8.3**	**5.4**	**5.1**	**5.5**	**0.1**
Trade	78.0	80.8	82.9	4.9	73.9	76.3	78.9	5.0	5.3	5.4	4.8	(0.5)
Transportation and Warehousing	21.9	23.0	22.6	0.7	20.8	21.3	21.5	0.7	5.0	7.8	4.9	(0.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	19.9	22.8	23.3	3.4	19.4	22.7	22.7	3.3	2.5	-	2.6	0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.8	21.9	21.6	0.8	19.5	21.1	20.8	1.3	6.3	4.1	4.2	(2.1)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	27.5	27.8	26.0	(1.5)	23.7	24.7	22.8	(0.9)	13.8	11.2	12.3	(1.5)
Educational Services	36.9	37.1	38.4	1.5	36.1	36.8	37.5	1.4	2.2	-	2.1	(0.1)
Health Care and Social Assistance	54.5	52.9	53.3	(1.2)	53.7	52.1	51.9	(1.8)	1.7	1.5	2.4	0.7
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.7	19.7	19.3	(0.4)	18.3	17.6	17.2	(1.1)	7.1	10.7	10.9	3.8
Accommodation and Food Services	31.8	36.5	35.4	3.6	28.5	33.0	31.1	2.6	10.4	9.6	12.1	1.7
Other Services	18.8	19.8	21.2	2.4	17.7	19.2	20.1	2.4	5.9	2.5	4.7	(1.2)
Public Administration	30.3	25.8	25.5	(4.8)	29.0	24.6	24.5	(4.5)	4.3	4.7	3.9	(0.4)
Unclassified Industries	10.0	8.8	7.3	(2.7)	-	-	-					

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	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change	Nov 2003	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.6	8.5	8.1	(1.5)	60.3	60.5	59.8	(0.5)	66.7	66.1	65.1	(1.6)
Halifax	**5.7**	**5.4**	**5.4**	**(0.3)**	**65.7**	**67.4**	**67.0**	**1.3**	**69.7**	**71.3**	**70.8**	**1.1**
Saint John, New Brunswick	8.0	7.0	6.8	(1.2)	58.3	62.0	61.3	3.0	63.4	66.6	65.7	2.3
Saguenay	11.0	10.4	10.7	(0.3)	53.8	57.1	56.1	2.3	60.4	63.7	62.8	2.4
Québec	6.3	3.9	4.5	(1.8)	61.0	63.2	62.2	1.2	65.1	65.7	65.2	0.1
Trois-Rivières	10.8	10.9	10.1	(0.7)	55.4	54.5	54.2	(1.2)	62.2	61.1	60.3	(1.9)
Sherbrooke	7.3	6.3	6.4	(0.9)	61.7	62.3	61.2	(0.5)	66.6	66.5	65.4	(1.2)
Montréal	8.7	8.5	8.7	-	62.5	61.8	61.5	(1.0)	68.5	67.5	67.3	(1.2)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	6.6	5.9	(1.0)	66.3	66.3	66.7	0.4	71.3	70.9	70.8	(0.5)
Sudbury	8.7	7.8	7.5	(1.2)	56.3	59.8	61.0	4.7	61.6	64.9	65.9	4.3
Oshawa	4.6	5.6	5.5	0.9	68.8	64.6	65.1	(3.7)	72.1	68.4	68.9	(3.2)
Toronto	7.3	7.8	7.2	(0.1)	64.2	64.5	64.1	(0.1)	69.2	69.9	69.0	(0.2)
Hamilton	5.9	5.5	5.5	(0.4)	65.0	66.2	65.3	0.3	69.1	70.0	69.1	-
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.5	5.6	5.6	(0.9)	60.5	59.7	60.0	(0.5)	64.7	63.2	63.5	(1.2)
London	6.3	6.2	6.3	-	64.6	65.1	64.7	0.1	68.9	69.4	69.0	0.1
Windsor	6.5	9.0	9.1	2.6	61.8	61.6	61.6	(0.2)	66.1	67.7	67.7	1.6
Kitchener	5.3	5.3	4.2	(1.1)	66.9	66.3	66.4	(0.5)	70.7	69.9	69.3	(1.4)
Thunder Bay	5.4	8.3	8.0	2.6	62.6	60.8	60.9	(1.7)	66.2	66.3	66.2	-
Winnipeg	5.3	5.7	5.2	(0.1)	68.2	67.7	67.6	1.4	69.9	71.8	71.4	1.5
Regina	4.6	4.5	4.4	(0.2)	69.8	68.9	69.2	(0.6)	73.2	72.2	72.3	(0.9)
Saskatoon	5.8	6.0	5.6	(0.2)	65.4	67.2	66.9	1.5	69.5	71.5	70.8	1.3
Calgary	5.2	4.9	4.9	(0.3)	70.7	71.0	70.3	(0.4)	74.6	74.7	73.9	(0.7)
Edmonton	4.3	4.7	4.6	0.3	69.2	69.6	69.7	0.5	72.4	73.0	73.0	0.6
Vancouver	7.2	6.9	6.4	(0.8)	63.2	62.9	62.6	(0.6)	68.1	67.6	66.9	(1.2)
Victoria	5.5	6.0	5.7	0.2	59.9	58.9	58.4	(1.5)	63.5	62.6	62.0	(1.5)

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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at:
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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and employment rates.

Release Dates - 2005:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2005	February 4, 2005
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June 2005	July 8, 2005
July 2005	August 5, 2005
August 2005	September 9, 2005
September 2005	October 7, 2005
October 2005	November 4, 2005
November 2005	December 2, 2005

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,403.9	25,738.6	25,765.5	361.6	25,403.9	25,738.6	25,765.5	361.6
Labour Force ('000)	17,021.5	17,285.7	17,214.0	192.5	17,187.4	17,377.0	17,372.8	185.4
Employment ('000)	15,834.0	16,103.9	16,069.8	235.8	15,920.7	16,115.3	16,148.8	228.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,187.5	1,181.9	1,144.2	(43.3)	1,266.8	1,261.7	1,224.0	(42.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.8	6.6	(0.4)	7.4	7.3	7.0	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.2	66.8	(0.2)	67.7	67.5	67.4	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	62.3	62.6	62.4	0.1	62.7	62.6	62.7	-

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	762.0	766.1	766.4	4.4	762.0	766.1	766.4	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	477.9	488.9	486.6	8.7	482.5	492.3	491.8	9.3
Employment ('000)	438.6	446.3	446.1	7.5	439.2	448.0	447.7	8.5
Unemployed ('000)	39.3	42.6	40.4	1.1	43.3	44.3	44.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.7	8.3	0.1	9.0	9.0	9.0	-
Participation Rate (%)	62.7	63.8	63.5	0.8	63.3	64.3	64.2	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	57.6	58.3	58.2	0.6	57.6	58.5	58.4	0.8

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.4	439.9	440.0	0.6	439.4	439.9	440.0	0.6
Labour Force ('000)	254.4	253.1	252.2	(2.2)	262.8	259.3	261.2	(1.6)
Employment ('000)	208.9	212.3	213.0	4.1	215.6	216.6	221.2	5.6
Unemployed ('000)	45.4	40.8	39.2	(6.2)	47.2	42.7	40.0	(7.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.8	16.1	15.5	(2.3)	18.0	16.5	15.3	(2.7)
Participation Rate (%)	57.9	57.5	57.3	(0.6)	59.8	58.9	59.4	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	47.5	48.3	48.4	0.9	49.1	49.2	50.3	1.2

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	113.7	114.8	114.9	1.2	113.7	114.8	114.9	1.2
Labour Force ('000)	75.5	78.2	77.5	2.0	78.1	80.2	80.1	2.0
Employment ('000)	66.4	69.9	68.5	2.1	70.2	71.8	71.7	1.5
Unemployed ('000)	9.0	8.4	8.9	(0.1)	7.9	8.4	8.4	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.9	10.7	11.5	(0.4)	10.1	10.5	10.5	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	68.1	67.4	1.0	68.7	69.9	69.7	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	58.4	60.9	59.6	1.2	61.7	62.5	62.4	0.7

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	610.6	614.2	614.4	3.8	610.6	614.2	614.4	3.8
Labour Force ('000)	374.8	389.6	385.5	10.7	384.2	393.1	394.9	10.7
Employment ('000)	338.7	354.2	350.3	11.6	346.1	354.2	357.3	11.2
Unemployed ('000)	36.1	35.3	35.2	(0.9)	38.1	38.8	37.6	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	9.1	9.1	(0.5)	9.9	9.9	9.5	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	61.4	63.4	62.7	1.3	62.9	64.0	64.3	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	55.5	57.7	57.0	1.5	56.7	57.7	58.2	1.5

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,112.1	6,174.4	6,179.5	67.4	6,112.1	6,174.4	6,179.5	67.4
Labour Force ('000)	4,011.8	4,058.6	4,019.3	7.5	4,061.8	4,086.1	4,064.5	2.7
Employment ('000)	3,642.4	3,707.6	3,679.2	36.8	3,681.9	3,722.5	3,718.9	37.0
Unemployed ('000)	369.4	351.0	340.1	(29.3)	379.9	363.7	345.6	(34.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	8.6	8.5	(0.7)	9.4	8.9	8.5	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	65.6	65.7	65.0	(0.6)	66.5	66.2	65.8	(0.7)
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	60.0	59.5	(0.1)	60.2	60.3	60.2	-

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,857.3	10,017.6	10,030.0	172.7	9,857.3	10,017.6	10,030.0	172.7
Labour Force ('000)	6,683.9	6,815.9	6,792.6	108.7	6,736.2	6,847.7	6,848.9	112.7
Employment ('000)	6,278.2	6,384.8	6,371.2	93.0	6,285.8	6,371.7	6,380.3	94.5
Unemployed ('000)	405.7	431.0	421.4	15.7	450.4	476.0	468.6	18.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.3	6.2	0.1	6.7	7.0	6.8	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	68.0	67.7	(0.1)	68.3	68.4	68.3	-
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	63.7	63.5	(0.2)	63.8	63.6	63.6	(0.2)

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	871.9	880.6	881.3	9.4	871.9	880.6	881.3	9.4
Labour Force ('000)	597.5	608.8	606.8	9.3	600.8	611.0	610.5	9.7
Employment ('000)	568.6	578.7	576.5	7.9	570.6	579.9	578.9	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	28.9	30.1	30.3	1.4	30.3	31.1	31.5	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	4.9	5.0	0.2	5.0	5.1	5.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.1	68.9	0.4	68.9	69.4	69.3	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.2	65.7	65.4	0.2	65.4	65.9	65.7	0.3

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.2	758.6	758.9	2.7	756.2	758.6	758.9	2.7
Labour Force ('000)	509.5	519.4	518.5	9.0	517.8	522.8	524.8	7.0
Employment ('000)	482.5	493.6	490.3	7.8	488.4	494.6	495.6	7.2
Unemployed ('000)	27.0	25.8	28.2	1.2	29.3	28.2	29.2	(0.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.0	5.4	0.1	5.7	5.4	5.6	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	68.5	68.3	0.9	68.5	68.9	69.2	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	63.8	65.1	64.6	0.8	64.6	65.2	65.3	0.7

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,493.7	2,534.7	2,538.2	44.5	2,493.7	2,534.7	2,538.2	44.5
Labour Force ('000)	1,830.4	1,845.1	1,841.7	11.3	1,840.7	1,847.7	1,849.9	9.2
Employment ('000)	1,747.6	1,765.1	1,765.0	17.4	1,751.5	1,763.2	1,766.9	15.4
Unemployed ('000)	82.8	80.0	76.6	(6.2)	89.2	84.5	83.0	(6.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	4.3	4.2	(0.3)	4.8	4.6	4.5	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	73.4	72.8	72.6	(0.8)	73.8	72.9	72.9	(0.9)
Employment Rate (%)	70.1	69.6	69.5	(0.6)	70.2	69.6	69.6	(0.6)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,386.9	3,437.8	3,441.8	54.9	3,386.9	3,437.8	3,441.8	54.9
Labour Force ('000)	2,205.8	2,228.2	2,233.4	27.6	2,222.6	2,236.8	2,246.2	23.6
Employment ('000)	2,062.0	2,091.4	2,109.6	47.6	2,071.4	2,092.9	2,110.2	38.8
Unemployed ('000)	143.8	136.8	123.8	(20.0)	151.1	143.9	136.0	(15.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.1	5.5	(1.0)	6.8	6.4	6.1	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	64.8	64.9	(0.2)	65.6	65.1	65.3	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	60.8	61.3	0.4	61.2	60.9	61.3	0.1

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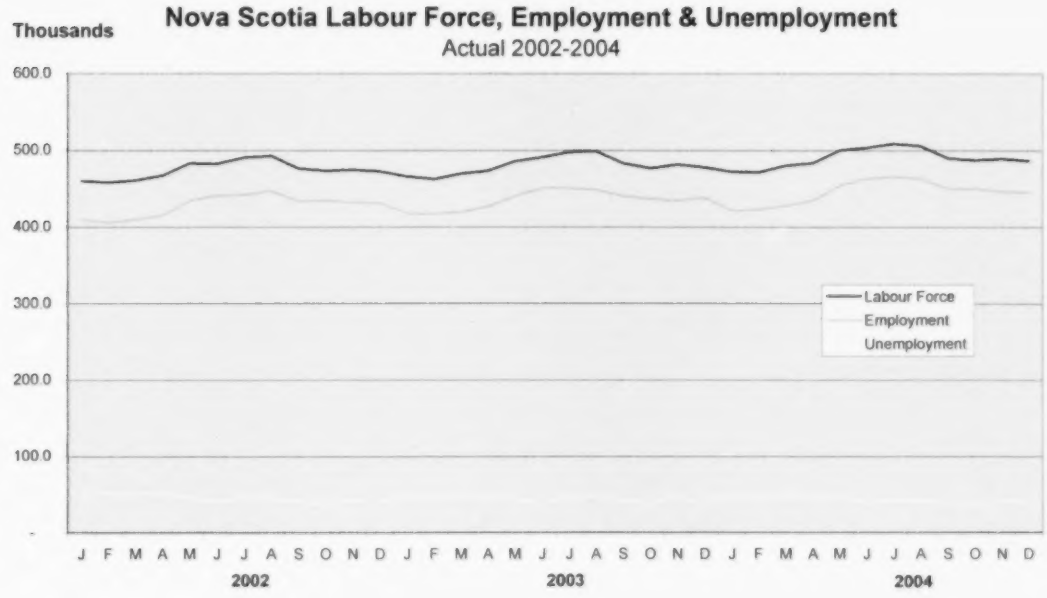

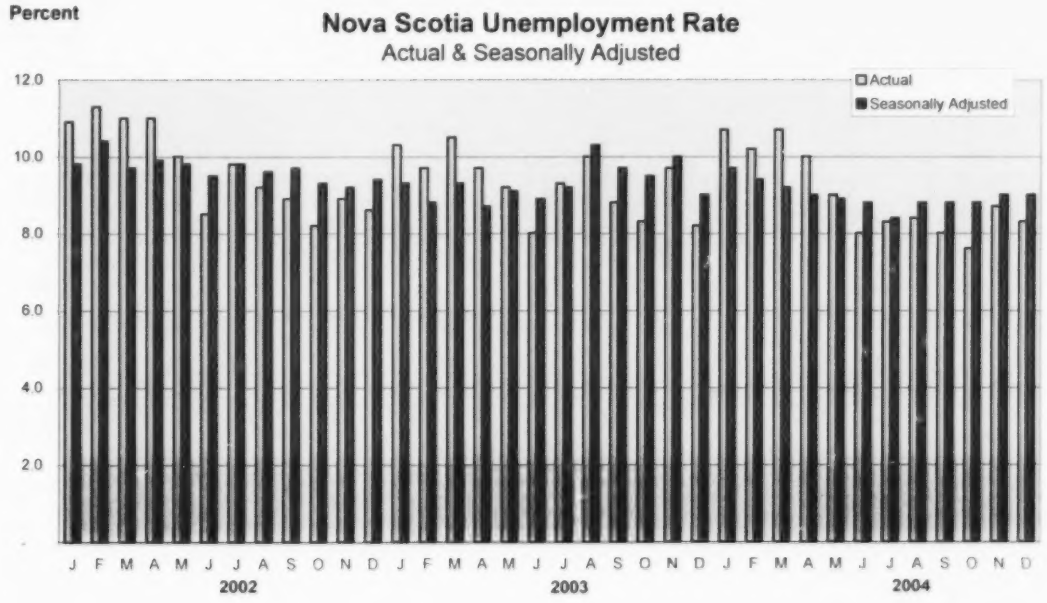

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Canada

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,378.2	25,710.7	25,738.9	360.7
Labour Force ('000)	17,045.2	17,282.8	17,261.5	216.3
Employment ('000)	15,853.6	16,137.7	16,112.9	259.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,191.7	1,145.2	1,148.6	(43.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	6.6	6.7	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	67.2	67.2	67.1	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	62.5	62.8	62.6	0.1

Nova Scotia

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	761.7	765.7	766.1	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	478.6	488.5	487.5	8.9
Employment ('000)	436.8	448.9	447.5	10.7
Unemployed ('000)	41.8	39.7	40.1	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	8.1	8.2	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	62.8	63.8	63.6	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	58.6	58.4	1.1

230 - Annapolis Valley

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	102.2	102.8	102.8	0.6
Labour Force ('000)	63.8	67.4	66.6	2.8
Employment ('000)	59.3	63.1	62.4	3.1
Unemployed ('000)	4.6	4.3	4.2	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.4	6.3	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	62.4	65.6	64.8	2.4
Employment Rate (%)	58.0	61.4	60.7	2.7

210 - Cape Breton

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	119.4	118.6	118.5	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	60.8	60.2	58.4	(2.4)
Employment ('000)	49.6	50.4	49.1	(0.5)
Unemployed ('000)	11.1	9.7	9.4	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.3	16.1	16.1	(2.2)
Participation Rate (%)	50.9	50.8	49.3	(1.6)
Employment Rate (%)	41.5	42.5	41.4	(0.1)

250 - Halifax County

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	302.1	305.9	306.2	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	208.8	213.1	213.7	4.9
Employment ('000)	197.4	201.3	201.8	4.4
Unemployed ('000)	11.5	11.8	11.9	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.5	5.6	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.7	69.8	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.8	65.9	0.6

Halifax Metro (CMA)

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	290.0	293.8	294.1	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	201.6	208.1	208.9	7.3
Employment ('000)	190.8	196.8	197.3	6.5
Unemployed ('000)	10.9	11.2	11.6	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	70.8	71.0	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	67.0	67.1	1.3

220 - North Shore

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.4	133.6	133.6	0.2
Labour Force ('000)	80.4	82.7	82.7	2.3
Employment ('000)	72.8	75.3	74.5	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	7.6	7.4	8.2	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	8.9	9.9	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	60.3	61.9	61.9	1.6
Employment Rate (%)	54.6	56.4	55.8	1.2

240 - Southern

	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Population ('000)	104.5	104.8	104.9	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	64.7	65.2	66.1	1.4
Employment ('000)	57.7	58.7	59.6	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	7.0	6.5	6.4	(0.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.8	10.0	9.7	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	62.2	63.0	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.2	56.0	56.8	1.6

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,920.7	16,115.3	16,148.8	228.1	12,917.2	13,134.4	13,175.6	258.4	3,003.4	2,981.0	2,973.2	(30.2)
Newfoundland and Labrador	215.6	216.6	221.2	5.6	185.2	184.7	188.6	3.4	30.4	31.9	32.7	2.3
Prince Edward Island	70.2	71.8	71.7	1.5	58.1	59.6	60.1	2.0	12.1	12.1	11.6	(0.5)
Nova Scotia	439.2	448.0	447.7	8.5	351.5	365.3	362.7	11.2	87.7	82.7	85.0	(2.7)
New Brunswick	346.1	354.2	357.3	11.2	293.3	299.4	299.9	6.6	52.7	54.8	57.5	4.8
Quebec	3,681.9	3,722.5	3,718.9	37.0	2,973.9	3,053.7	3,063.6	89.7	708.0	668.8	655.3	(52.7)
Ontario	6,285.8	6,371.7	6,380.3	94.5	5,146.2	5,210.7	5,215.0	68.8	1,139.7	1,161.0	1,165.3	25.6
Manitoba	570.6	579.9	578.9	8.3	461.3	467.9	469.0	7.7	109.3	111.9	109.9	0.6
Saskatchewan	488.4	494.6	495.6	7.2	392.4	399.0	397.9	5.5	96.1	95.6	97.7	1.6
Alberta	1,751.5	1,763.2	1,766.9	15.4	1,433.7	1,436.6	1,437.8	4.1	317.8	326.6	329.1	11.3
British Columbia	2,071.4	2,092.9	2,110.2	38.8	1,621.5	1,657.4	1,680.7	59.2	449.9	435.5	429.6	(20.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Canada	15,834.0	16,103.9	16,069.8	235.8	12,689.4	12,989.7	12,938.5	249.1	3,144.5	3,114.2	3,131.3	(13.2)
Newfoundland and Labrador	208.9	212.3	213.0	4.1	178.8	180.8	180.8	2.0	30.1	31.5	32.2	2.1
Prince Edward Island	66.4	69.9	68.5	2.1	53.6	57.3	56.3	2.7	12.9	12.6	12.2	(0.7)
Nova Scotia	438.6	446.3	446.1	7.5	345.8	358.5	354.2	8.4	92.8	87.8	92.0	(0.8)
New Brunswick	338.7	354.2	350.3	11.6	284.2	296.1	290.4	6.2	54.5	58.1	60.0	5.5
Quebec	3,642.4	3,707.6	3,679.2	36.8	2,894.9	3,001.9	2,979.8	84.9	747.5	705.7	699.4	(48.1)
Ontario	6,278.2	6,384.8	6,371.2	93.0	5,082.1	5,171.7	5,144.0	61.9	1,196.1	1,213.1	1,227.2	31.1
Manitoba	568.6	578.7	576.5	7.9	451.7	462.0	460.4	8.7	116.8	116.8	116.1	(0.7)
Saskatchewan	482.5	493.6	490.3	7.8	383.1	392.9	387.6	4.5	99.4	100.7	102.7	3.3
Alberta	1,747.6	1,765.1	1,765.0	17.4	1,421.4	1,426.8	1,424.4	3.0	326.2	338.3	340.7	14.5
British Columbia	2,062.0	2,091.4	2,109.6	47.6	1,593.8	1,641.8	1,660.7	66.9	468.2	449.6	448.8	(19.4)

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,812.2	2,813.3	2,802.8	(9.4)	2,418.8	2,441.7	2,445.1	26.3	14.0	13.2	12.8	(1.2)
Newfoundland and Labrador	39.7	38.8	38.8	(0.9)	28.2	28.6	30.8	2.6	29.0	26.3	20.6	(8.4)
Prince Edward Island	13.5	14.4	13.9	0.4	11.7	11.8	11.6	(0.1)	13.3	18.1	17.3	4.0
Nova Scotia	83.0	85.5	85.6	2.6	70.7	72.1	71.9	1.2	14.8	15.8	16.0	1.2
New Brunswick	64.2	63.1	63.4	(0.8)	53.7	52.9	54.1	0.4	16.4	16.2	14.7	(1.7)
Quebec	651.1	647.5	634.0	(17.1)	545.7	554.2	549.1	3.4	16.2	14.4	13.4	(2.8)
Ontario	1,078.5	1,078.3	1,069.2	(9.3)	919.5	923.1	918.0	(1.5)	14.7	14.4	14.1	(0.6)
Manitoba	107.0	106.5	107.1	0.1	97.7	95.1	95.3	(2.4)	8.7	10.6	11.0	2.3
Saskatchewan	93.3	94.1	95.8	2.5	81.7	84.7	86.2	4.5	12.4	10.0	10.0	(2.4)
Alberta	326.9	335.0	342.3	15.4	300.2	309.0	315.3	15.1	8.2	7.8	7.9	(0.3)
British Columbia	355.2	350.0	352.7	(2.5)	309.7	310.1	312.9	3.2	12.8	11.4	11.3	(1.5)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
Canada	2,682.6	2,703.1	2,668.4	(14.2)	2,345.1	2,369.6	2,369.9	24.8	12.6	12.3	11.2	(1.4)
Newfoundland and Labrador	35.2	34.8	34.2	(1.0)	26.1	26.1	28.1	2.0	25.9	25.0	18.1	(7.8)
Prince Edward Island	12.1	13.0	12.5	0.4	10.3	10.7	10.3	-	14.9	17.7	18.4	3.5
Nova Scotia	78.7	81.8	81.0	2.3	67.9	69.1	69.0	1.1	13.6	15.4	14.8	1.2
New Brunswick	59.1	59.7	59.1	-	49.8	50.4	51.2	1.4	15.7	15.6	13.4	(2.3)
Quebec	615.2	621.5	594.7	(20.5)	522.7	536.9	523.8	1.1	15.0	13.6	11.9	(3.1)
Ontario	1,027.8	1,026.2	1,013.7	(14.1)	898.4	892.4	892.6	(5.8)	12.6	13.0	11.9	(0.7)
Manitoba	104.5	104.5	104.7	0.2	95.8	93.1	93.6	(2.2)	8.3	10.9	10.6	2.3
Saskatchewan	87.9	90.3	90.7	2.8	78.5	82.0	82.8	4.3	10.7	9.2	8.7	(2.0)
Alberta	317.5	329.3	334.7	17.2	291.5	304.4	308.6	17.1	8.2	7.6	7.8	(0.4)
British Columbia	344.7	341.9	343.0	(1.7)	304.1	304.4	310.1	6.0	11.8	11.0	9.6	(2.2)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**17,021.5**	**17,285.7**	**17,214.0**	**192.5**	**15,834.0**	**16,103.9**	**16,069.8**	**235.8**	**7.0**	**6.8**	**6.6**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,228.3**	**4,293.5**	**4,251.2**	**22.9**	**3,924.0**	**4,027.3**	**3,957.0**	**33.0**	**7.2**	**6.2**	**6.9**	**(0.3)**
Agriculture	348.4	346.4	340.9	(7.5)	324.4	321.7	313.9	(10.5)	6.9	7.1	7.9	1.0
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	320.4	325.6	328.7	8.3	286.3	295.3	298.8	12.5	10.6	9.3	9.1	(1.5)
Utilities	135.1	128.5	130.9	(4.2)	130.7	127.7	127.9	(2.8)	3.3	-	2.4	(0.9)
Construction	1,041.8	1,109.3	1,096.2	54.4	939.2	1,032.9	1,004.8	65.6	9.8	6.9	8.3	(1.5)
Manufacturing	2,382.6	2,383.8	2,354.4	(28.2)	2,243.4	2,249.7	2,211.7	(31.7)	5.8	5.6	6.1	0.3
Services-Producing Sector	**12,441.2**	**12,603.6**	**12,611.3**	**170.1**	**11,910.0**	**12,076.6**	**12,112.8**	**202.8**	**4.3**	**4.2**	**4.0**	**(0.3)**
Trade	2,642.1	2,694.6	2,692.8	50.7	2,530.7	2,590.6	2,590.9	60.2	4.2	3.9	3.8	(0.4)
Transportation and Warehousing	803.9	814.5	811.5	7.6	775.9	779.6	773.4	(2.5)	3.5	4.3	4.7	1.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	975.7	1,028.6	1,034.2	58.5	952.8	1,006.4	1,007.7	54.9	2.3	2.2	2.6	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,013.9	1,061.1	1,064.2	50.3	974.3	1,025.5	1,035.6	61.3	3.9	3.4	2.7	(1.2)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	689.9	683.3	684.5	(5.4)	623.5	620.0	615.1	(8.4)	9.6	9.3	10.1	0.5
Educational Services	1,125.9	1,132.3	1,150.1	24.2	1,097.8	1,104.1	1,121.2	23.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	-
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,768.6	1,808.2	1,802.5	33.9	1,735.7	1,760.6	1,764.2	28.5	1.9	2.6	2.1	0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	742.8	746.0	736.8	(6.0)	694.5	697.3	686.4	(8.1)	6.5	6.5	6.8	0.3
Accommodation and Food Services	1,099.6	1,066.0	1,074.4	(25.2)	1,014.6	977.4	1,007.0	(7.6)	7.7	8.3	6.3	(1.4)
Other Services	736.7	724.5	727.0	(9.7)	698.9	697.7	700.6	1.7	5.1	3.7	3.6	(1.5)
Public Administration	841.9	844.6	833.4	(8.5)	811.2	817.4	810.7	(0.5)	3.6	3.2	2.7	(0.9)
Unclassified Industries	351.9	388.7	351.5	(0.4)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
All industries	**477.9**	**488.9**	**486.6**	**8.7**	**438.6**	**446.3**	**446.1**	**7.5**	**8.2**	**8.7**	**8.3**	**0.1**
Goods-Producing Sector	**110.6**	**112.2**	**107.9**	**(2.7)**	**98.5**	**97.3**	**96.9**	**(1.6)**	**10.9**	**13.3**	**10.3**	**(0.6)**
Agriculture	7.1	7.9	6.7	(0.4)	6.1	7.0	5.5	(0.6)	14.1	11.4	17.9	3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	17.9	16.5	17.0	(0.9)	15.3	12.3	15.2	(0.1)	14.5	26.1	10.6	(3.9)
Utilities	2.9	3.0	3.0	0.1	2.7	3.0	3.0	0.3	-	-	-	-
Construction	32.2	34.2	32.0	(0.2)	28.3	28.9	28.2	(0.1)	12.1	15.5	11.9	(0.2)
Manufacturing	50.5	50.5	49.2	(1.3)	46.1	46.1	44.9	(1.2)	8.7	8.7	8.7	-
Services-Producing Sector	**358.9**	**369.4**	**369.1**	**10.2**	**340.1**	**349.0**	**348.3**	**9.2**	**5.2**	**5.5**	**5.4**	**0.2**
Trade	79.7	82.9	81.3	1.6	77.2	78.9	78.2	1.0	3.1	4.8	3.8	0.7
Transportation and Warehousing	21.2	22.6	22.1	0.9	19.9	21.5	21.1	1.2	6.1	4.9	4.5	(1.6)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	20.8	23.3	22.8	2.0	20.0	22.7	22.5	2.5	3.8	2.6	-	(3.8)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.6	21.6	22.3	2.7	18.6	20.8	21.3	2.7	5.1	4.2	4.5	(0.6)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	26.0	26.0	25.3	(0.7)	23.2	22.8	21.5	(1.7)	11.2	12.3	15.0	3.8
Educational Services	36.5	38.4	39.8	3.3	35.2	37.5	39.1	3.9	3.6	2.1	1.8	(1.8)
Health Care and Social Assistance	56.4	53.3	54.3	(2.1)	55.2	51.9	52.5	(2.7)	2.1	2.4	3.3	1.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.2	19.3	19.0	(0.2)	17.7	17.2	17.2	(0.5)	7.8	10.9	9.5	1.7
Accommodation and Food Services	28.5	35.4	36.0	7.5	25.5	31.1	31.8	6.3	10.5	12.1	11.7	1.2
Other Services	20.3	21.2	21.8	1.5	18.6	20.1	20.6	2.0	8.4	4.7	5.5	(2.9)
Public Administration	30.6	25.5	24.5	(6.1)	29.0	24.5	23.5	(5.5)	5.2	3.9	4.1	(1.1)
Unclassified Industries	8.4	7.3	9.6	1.2	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.6	8.1	8.2	(1.4)	60.0	59.8	60.7	0.7	66.3	65.1	66.3	-
Halifax	**5.4**	**5.4**	**5.6**	**0.2**	**65.8**	**67.0**	**67.1**	**1.3**	**69.5**	**70.8**	**71.0**	**1.5**
Saint John, New Brunswick	7.6	6.8	6.2	(1.4)	58.7	61.3	61.4	2.7	63.6	65.7	65.4	1.8
Saguenay	11.5	10.7	10.6	(0.9)	54.2	56.1	55.9	1.7	61.3	62.8	62.5	1.2
Québec	6.8	4.5	5.0	(1.8)	60.2	62.2	61.7	1.5	64.5	65.2	65.0	0.5
Trois-Rivières	10.3	10.1	9.4	(0.9)	55.5	54.2	54.6	(0.9)	61.9	60.3	60.3	(1.6)
Sherbrooke	7.2	6.4	7.0	(0.2)	61.2	61.2	61.3	0.1	65.9	65.4	65.9	-
Montréal	8.6	8.7	8.8	0.2	62.7	61.5	61.3	(1.4)	68.5	67.3	67.2	(1.3)
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	5.9	5.7	(1.2)	66.0	66.7	67.6	1.6	70.8	70.8	71.7	0.9
Sudbury	8.9	7.5	7.0	(1.9)	57.0	61.0	62.0	5.0	62.7	65.9	66.7	4.0
Oshawa	4.3	5.5	5.1	0.8	69.1	65.1	65.9	(3.2)	72.2	68.9	69.5	(2.7)
Toronto	6.7	7.2	7.1	0.4	64.4	64.1	64.1	(0.3)	69.0	69.0	68.9	(0.1)
Hamilton	4.9	5.5	5.3	0.4	65.2	65.3	64.7	(0.5)	68.5	69.1	68.3	(0.2)
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.5	5.6	6.1	(0.4)	59.7	60.0	60.3	0.6	63.8	63.5	64.2	0.4
London	6.0	6.3	6.2	0.2	64.5	64.7	65.3	0.8	68.6	69.0	69.6	1.0
Windsor	7.2	9.1	9.2	2.0	61.4	61.6	61.3	(0.1)	66.1	67.7	67.5	1.4
Kitchener	4.7	4.2	3.6	(1.1)	66.8	66.4	67.1	0.3	70.2	69.3	69.7	(0.5)
Thunder Bay	6.2	8.0	7.8	1.6	62.1	60.9	61.6	(0.5)	66.1	66.2	66.8	0.7
Winnipeg	5.1	5.2	4.9	(0.2)	66.3	67.6	67.5	1.2	69.8	71.4	71.0	1.2
Regina	4.7	4.4	4.6	(0.1)	70.1	69.2	69.4	(0.7)	73.6	72.3	72.7	(0.9)
Saskatoon	5.5	5.6	5.3	(0.2)	65.2	66.9	67.3	2.1	68.9	70.8	71.1	2.2
Calgary	5.4	4.9	4.7	(0.7)	70.9	70.3	69.9	(1.0)	75.0	73.9	73.3	(1.7)
Edmonton	4.4	4.6	4.6	0.2	69.0	69.7	69.6	0.6	72.1	73.0	73.0	0.9
Vancouver	6.1	6.4	5.9	(0.2)	63.2	62.6	62.8	(0.4)	67.3	66.9	66.8	(0.5)
Victoria	4.7	5.7	5.2	0.5	60.8	58.4	59.3	(1.5)	63.8	62.0	62.5	(1.3)